

Outcast Magician and the Power of Heretics

Arc 1 - Encounter and New Life

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Chapter 1: Prologue

The dead red brown ground spreads all over the area, dried land where plants and trees are nowhere to be found. The only things in sight are big red rocks and mountains.

There is no sign of people around. In this desolate land Seiya was standing with a single girl.

A girl standing next to Seiya has beautiful white hair, beautiful red eyes and a beautiful face that can fascinate people.

Her height is a bit low, but the girl can be expressed in one sentence, absolutely beautiful.

The appearance of such a girl was a true opposite to Seiya with blond hair and blue eyes.

"Seiya....."

White haired red eyed beauty calls on Seiya while pointing forward. Seiya looks at the direction pointed to by Yua, a girl with scarlet red eyes, and finds something there.

In this direction was a large horde of animals like cattle. And the horde was approaching at the high speed towards them. Their number was about 3000.

"Magical beasts again"

"It seems so....."

Said Seiya looking at the large horde of cow-like magical beasts.

Magical beast is an animal-like living being in a dark territory, a place where no man lives, they're powerful enough to easily deal with ordinary people.

It depends on the species but basically the weakest ones need a team of average magicians to defeat it. However, the monsters that come closer to the Seiya are not the weakest however you look at it

Three thousand beasts were approaching Seiya and Yua.

"Seiya...what shall we do?"

"I'll deal with them"

Seiya starts manipulating magical powers inside his body while lifting the right hand towards the horde of beasts. Yua does not do anything and is just watching Seiya with a relieved face.

"『Dark Wave 』"

Immediately after Seiya said the name of the spell, horde of close to 3000 beasts that was approaching at a high speed toward the two of them disappeared in a flash.

Only the dust was left from the gigantic running horde.

Seeing this Yua said.

"After all, darkness attribute sure is convenient"

"Sure enough. That what you should expect from the power of heretics"

Said Seiya while looking at his right hand.

Chapter 2: The Outcast Of Senabia

A comfortable wind was blowing like letting you know about the beginning of May; a new day was about to begin. It was holiday until yesterday, the students from around the world are walking around seemingly dispirited.

It was the same for the students of Senabia Magic Academy here.

Senabia Magic Academy is one of only 10 magic academies in the Leiria Kingdom and is located in the city of Orna in the northern part of the country.

In addition, this Senabia Magic Academy is a famous magical academy, especially among the rest of magical academy in the region.

Among the students of such famous Senabia Magic Academy, while wearing a particularly depressed face, there was a student heading to the classroom at the last minute just as usual.

The name of this weak looking, blonde haired, blue eyed youth was Kirtsuna Seiya, second year student of this academy.

Seiya who was walking with a depressed face got to the front door of the class to which he belonged, he opened the door of the classroom then quickly went to his designated seat by the window and sat down.

Classmates looked at Seiya for a moment but they instantly lost interest and resumed chatting with their friends. His classmates behaved like they couldn't

see Seiya at all.

However, not everyone was like that, and three boys come to Seiya in the same way as usual, and the same thing started again.

"Yo, so you came here again, Unknown"

"Aren't you brave coming here over and over again, Unknown"

"Well, it can't be helped since it's you~. You don't know your family after all~"

Today as well, three boys Zach Runias, Hoa Teir, Shura Neins came to him. These three people were rare students among the class who talked to Seiya.

However, because of the unfriendly attitude of the three people, an unpleasant atmosphere is being unleashed. Three boys kept talking about this all the time, without getting tired at all.

Why are these three involved in Seiya like every day, the reason for these three people to bother him every single day was based on Seiya's birth.

Currently, Seiya goes to this Senabia Magic Academy while living alone. The reason why Seiya lives by himself is simply because there are no parents.

But even if his parents aren't there, these three people would not bother him every day, and the classmates would have more exchanges with Seiya.

The problem is that not only Seiya had no parents, but the fact that Seiya knew nothing about his parents or about his clan at all.

It is particularly important for magicians to have a good family, because their family may decide their position within the kingdom after graduation.

In addition, in the Windistan district where Seiya's Senabia Magic Academy operates, there is a strong tendency to emphasize the family's power in particular, and the caste you belong in the academy is determined by the family as well.

For that reason, Seiya who did not know anything about his family was called Unknown, Unknown because he knew nothing about it, and he was treated as if didn't exist in the class.

Even if Seiya is in trouble, no one will help. At the same time, if Seiya tries to help someone, they treat him like air and trying to not get involved.

To avoid weird rumors and hurt their reputation they keep ignoring him.

But only those three were different.

A man with a short black hair trained body is called Zach Runias, the second son of the Runias family. The Runias family is an intermediate magician clan belonging to Windistan, that mainly specializes in fire attribute magic.

The man with brown hair is Hoa Teir, the third son of the Teir family. Like the Runias family, the Teir family is a magician clan belonging to Windistan, but unlike the Runias family, it is a beginner magician clan.

Finally, bald head, the man who seems to be in motion all the time is Shura Neins, the second son of the Neins clan. Like the Teir family, the Neins family is

a beginner magician clan belonging to Windistan.

About half of the population of the Leiria kingdom are magicians and the other half are civilians.

Magicians earn their livelihood mainly by succeeding the family business or in the kingdom's defense force, and for the magicians who are in the defense force of the kingdom the higher the rank of the clans, the more important your job.

For the magicians, they are classified into four classes: expert magician, senior magician, intermediate magician, beginner magician, and the number decreases as the class goes up. For example, there are only twelve expert magicians in Leiria kingdom.

And the class of the family is determined by the class of the owner of that family.

For example, the family of Zach is an intermediate magician family, but the intermediate magician is Zach's father, and Zach himself is still a beginner magician.

However, even though it is said that Zach is a beginner magician, he is an intermediate magician family, so his position is higher than the beginner magician of the beginner magician clan.

So, Seiya being at the bottom of the Beginner Magician family cannot resist the Zak of the intermediate magician family, and he has no choice but to smile although unwilling.

This was his daily routine.

It also ends when the chime begins to ring, so it's a test for patience until then. If Seiya while not having family power or personal ability beat up other people, Seiya will be expelled.

Even if Seiya is correct, as long as there is something called family power, Seiya is the weakest magician and the worst at Senabia Magic Academy.

A few minutes after the trio started bothering Seiya, the chime rang and Lamia, who is the homeroom teacher, comes into the classroom.

From Lamia with long red hair and red eyes, you can feel cool adults' sex appeal. But her gaze today is more severe than ever.

Lamia is from an intermediate magician clan, herself is also an intermediate magician. Among the girls in Senabia Magic Academy, she has top class skills in close combat and she is a famous magician with fire attribute in Windistan.

Seeing her severe than ever expression classmates became tense.

"Good morning everyone. Absent... ...none. Well then, I have an important matter to announce. The frequency of magicians being kidnapped recently is increased. As for this matter, it seems that investigators will come not only from the church but also from the capital, so the criminal will be caught soon, but be as careful as you can"

The church which she mentioned is the institution which manages every place, which in turn is managed by the capital city of Leiria.

There used to be a goddess named Lina Maria in the old days, but she suddenly disappeared several decades ago. Currently the Leiria kingdom is being ruled by a group of seven wise men.

And the church is located in the central parts of Freestan, Aquaristan, Windistan distributed around the kingdom, and it is an institution that manages everything around.

Since there is no goddess in the church, it consists of several representatives from various places and several people dispatched from the capital.

Looking at the Leiria kingdom from above, its shape is a donut.

It is centered where the capital is located, so that Freestan, Aquaristan and Windistan are divided into three equal parts, and the large walls surrounds the outer circumference of these three regions.

Outside of the wall is the land called the dark territory is spreading, there are monsters called magical beasts and population is close to nothing, the monsters are very ferocious and often invade the walls.

When a horde of beasts invades or when an incident occurs, the churches in each place are to deal with this responsibility. However, there are cases where people are dispatched from the church in the capital when it is impossible to do anything by a regional church alone in particularly violent cases or in case of enormous damage.

In other words, this incident is considered either a violent case or brings enormous damage.

In the current situation, saying it simply, the magician becomes money by demanding ransom from his family. The deprived house pays a ransom to take back their child and the value of the magician is quite high.

Especially the magician above intermediate becomes considerably expensive. Because there is a unique family magic passed down in such families.

Unique magic is a prerequisite for becoming an intermediate magician and can be mentioned as a symbol of the family.

If a kidnapped child possessed unique magic, it is no exaggeration to say that the child possesses the secrets of the family.

When that child is sold to another family, the family's secret and unique will be lost, so the clan attempts to prevent that at all costs. It will bring the kidnappers a lot of riches.

Even if the kidnapped child did not have unique magic, while being the eldest son of the family, they will desperately try to recover him. It is highly likely that the eldest son will be the next president of the family, because of that eldest son is often raised at big expense since childhood.

On the other hand, in the case of the second son or the third son, they will try to regain him, but won't waste too much effort.

To be able to use magic means to be able to protect yourself, so if he wants to survive he needs to do it with his own power.

At first glance it seems to be ruthless, but it is obvious for a person who deals with magic, and most magicians are ready.

The road of an abandoned child is usually to be sold away and become a mercenary, or to be enslaved with a collar. Either way he will become gold for the kidnapper.

In this way the value of the magician is high, and because the demand is high, the kidnapping comes into being.

Because of that, the magical academy where the talents gather represents a huge allure for criminals. That being said, there are teachers experienced in combat, so they can't easily kidnap people.

That's why kidnapping in a city with a magical academy present is rare.

"Report is over"

Lamia who finished the report finally leaves us and goes out of the classroom. Thus a new day of Senabia Magic Academy started.

Chapter 3: Magic Academy Classes

A day at Senabia Magic Academy consists of six lessons. This is common practice in most magical schools, basically lessons are divided in two hour units.

In the first and second hours, you learn magic theory for the school year, sandwiching in between a slightly long brake, the third and fourth hour are considered to be self-training time.

The self-training time is the time when you try to solve problems by yourself, and in some cases it is possible to consult with the teachers.

And in the fifth and sixth hours after the lunch break, practical exercises and training incorporating magic and martial arts are carried out.

Magic is basically composed of three aspects such as theory, technique, and aptitude, and it is possible to exercise magic only when these three are combined.

The theory is, as its name implies, tells about composition of magic and magic particles.

Technique is a skill of a magician, and it can be said that magicians are usually good in it. It is the only field where progress can be made depending on just efforts.

And aptitude decides affinity for magic attributes. The magician is born with

an aptitude for one or more of four basic attributes, fire, water, wind, light, all magic consists of these four attributes.

Some magicians are born with more than two aptitudes, and it is possible for them to handle magic that simultaneously uses multiple attributes from the beginning.

The magic of suitable attribute can be used very easily, but it is difficult to use magic of attribute that you have no affinity with. So, the magic that magician can use was decided to some extent since he was born.

Three of the above are very important things for casting magic. By the way, the attribute of Seiya is light, but even the simplest spell, not to mention powerful ones, required complete chanting for Seiya.

With the absence of parents as a reason, magic training during the childhood was not provided for Seiya.

Being unable to train in early childhood the time it takes to learn fundamentals of magic is much more than that of other people, already overwhelmingly different from surrounding people.

Still, Seiya trained his fencing skills and studied theory. Thanks to that Seiya's grades are considerably good.

Seiya started preparing for classes when Lamia leaves the classroom. The lesson in the first hour is to understand "chanting" and the meaning of chanting used when activating magic.

Each word has its meaning in a chant, and its meaning constitutes the magic attribute. There are words that cover two kinds of magic spells of the same attribute, that word is a word expressing an attribute.

For example, the chant of fire attribute beginner magic 『Fire bullet』 is as follows.

"I, the one who received divine protection of fire, require your power『Fire Bullet』"

Here, it shows that you use fire magic with words "the one who received divine protection of fire". There are other words that express fire attribute, but these ones are the most popular ones.

Three people's shadows are approaching Seiya. Of course these three people are Zach, Hoa and Shura.

"Are you ready for classes already, Unknown?"

"So diligent"

"Well, Unknown needs to work hard if he wants to be here~"

Three people were involved with Seiya, not just every morning but almost all the time. And Seiya also responds with a humble posture every time.

It is easier for Seiya to forget his pride, than to assume a violent attitude and hurt the three people's mood, that would be even more troublesome.

"Yes...because I am inferior to everyone. I need to work hard"

Seiya answers to the words of Zach with a bitter smile. Usually, they make a fool out of Seiya here and return back to their seat satisfied but unfortunately these three people today were in a bad mood.

"Hey, Unknown. It seems that you will catch up with us soon if you say that"

Zach looks at Seiya with a hateful smile.

"I didn't mean it that way....."

Seiya tries to resolve the misunderstanding, but it cannot be done easily. After all these three people are doing it on purpose.

"Aren't you become conceited, Unknown"

"That's right~"

"I didn't....."

No matter what you say, it will become worse. However, staying silent and ignoring them won't be any better, concluded Seiya.

But Zach didn't like his answer. Apparently Zach's mood is pretty bad.

"Ohh? Do you dare to answer back?"

"Since you are so arrogant you need to apologize"

"Maybe you should do a dogeza~"

Three people begin to demand Seiya to kneel. But however you look at it, they are overdoing things. But no one stops those three.

Some of the classmates are more influential than Zach, but there was no one who helped Seiya.

"Hah, that sounds nice. Dogeza it is"

"Come on, say "Sorry, I was too conceited""

"Hurry up~ Unknown~"

Having said that, Seiya slowly reached the ground with his head.

There is no such thing as pride in this place, apology by making a dogeza is like a work to him. Classmates are looking with sparkling eyes, but there is no one who stopped him.

"I'm sorry for being conceited. Please forgive me"

"""Gahahahahahaha!"""(TN: Well that was a long laughter)

The trio laughed out loud when they saw Seiya's dogeza. Then Zach said while stepping on the head of Seiya.

"The bottom of beginner rank shouldn't talk back to intermediate class magician family. Oh, and this is a punishment rather than assault. Hahaha"

His voice sounded like he believed that his behavior was justified

In the world of magicians, when the lower family goes against the senior family, the senior family has the right to sanction the lower family, if you exercise that sanctioning right, if it is judged that it is not excessive, it will be considered as legal.

And now what Zach is doing has been approved legally.

But if Zach hits Seiya or the other two lay their hands on him it will become a problem. Zach understands it and won't tread on this road

Classmates pretend they cannot see Seiya and prepare for lessons.

Seiya was treated like that every single day.

Every day you are to apologize if you talk back. Being a beginner magician without background, he can't do anything about it.

The time of such pain also forcefully ends when class starts. Bocuto, a teacher in charge of chanting, came into the classroom and started explaining chanting.

Standing on the podium and writing words one after another on the blackboard, he is a famous person in the world of magic chanting. He is doing research about discarding or shortening chant at the time of magic invocation, and he is a great person with great theoretical knowledge.

However, when announced, where was an opinion that no-chanting was risky and dangerous, but they were blamed for denying progress and teacher got praised for his innovative research.

Since then, although he continues his research, he seems to be emphasizing education now.

"At least three things are necessary for casting. Attribute is a given. Without this it would be impossible to build a magic incantation. And then a word of declaring a magical composition. Is it for attack or for defense, does it penetrate or let it go? Without this it would just be a magical explosion.... "

The class continues like this, after the first hour is over, the second hour is a lecture.

Today's second hour's lecture is about "Special effects of attributes", which is the basics of the basics. This lesson is about basics so it's not that useful for Seiya.

For that reason, Seiya will study the chanting while pretending to listen to the lecture.

Like Seiya, there were many students pretending to be listening to classes and sleeping, but the teacher of "Special effects of attributes" did not show any irritation to such students and continued unperturbed.

By the way, special effects of attributes are like by-products in each magic attribute. It is a phenomenon that can be used in spells because it is possible to apply to magic the effect of 『activation』 for fire, 『calm』 for water, 『hard』 for wind, 『rising』 for light.

After the second hour when most of the students slept, during the long break,

Seiya quickly left the classroom so that Zach could not find it.

He leaves the class and goes for the room of the academy building. The roof of Senabia Magic Academy usually prohibits students from entering, but only Seiya was specially permitted.

Seiya spends his time on that roof every day until the end of the 4th hour doing self-training.

Such arrangement was good for Seiya as well as for other students.

If they do their self-training in the same place as despised Unknown Seiya, the air in that spot becomes stifling and it is uncomfortable for Seiya and other students.

So, Lamia gave a special permission to use the rooftop.

Seiya is grateful for the permission to use the rooftop, and keeps making effective use of the space where we can focus alone.

When Seiya opened the door made of iron and arrived at the roof, there was a guest there.

Chapter 4: Seiya's Guardian

He was on the rooftop in a dark blue suit, a chubby elderly man with kind eyes. He has a black beard and gives an impression of gentle uncle.

To tell the truth, he was a graduate of Senabia Magic Academy and his name is Edward. He is also a guardian of Seiya.

Edward and Seiya first met when Seiya was ten years old.

Seiya at that time had lost his memory and was wandering around the city of Windistan. He was coincidentally picked up by Edward, and since then Seiya and Edward have come to live together.

Because Edward had no children, he loved Seiya like a real son and taught him magic. But such happiness soon ended.

From the guardians of the students attending the Senabia Magic Academy came a complaint to the him, as he was a director of the academy, because he pays too much attention to a useless person.

At first Edward said that he will adopt Seiya, but was stopped by his family who knew about the life and ability of Seiya, Edward had no choice but to abandon Seiya who was left crying.

But even so, Edward at least decided to let Seiya stay in his own villa and enroll in a Senabia Magic Academy in the range reachable to himself.

Since Seiya entered Senabia Magic Academy, the two of them started meeting on the academy roof during a break every day.

Edward is also father figure for Seiya, as well as his magical teacher.

Even so, meeting for such a short time is unbearable for them. But for two people this time was very important.

And today Edward made a proposal to Seiya.

"Seiya, I think of you as of my own son"

"Thank you, teacher. Teacher is like a father to me too"

"So become my son. If I adopt you, Seiya won't be Unknown anymore and no one will despise you"

Edward knows about the bullying that Seiya is receiving.

However, in his position, he cannot be concerned with what is not considered a problem. If Seiya asks for help, he can act immediately, but Seiya never asked Edward for help.

I do not want to bother Edward anymore. That thought was in the heart of Seiya.

That's why he proposed to adopt Seiya many times.

If Seiya is adopted by Edward, Seiya can acquire a family protection and the current bullying will naturally disappear. But Seiya did not accept it firmly.

Seiya is already a child of Edward, and once he finishes a procedure for adoption even if the family is opposed it they won't be able to do anything. Edward has this much resolve.

"Teacher, I can't do that. I received a lot of help and was protected by teacher. I can't bother you any more"

The annoyance that Seiya mentioned is that Senabia Magic Academy cares deeply about reputation.

Because Edward has no children, adopting Seiya inevitably makes him the next family head.

In this a case it will diminish the name of the Edward's family.

Besides that, there are harsh legal issues in the way.

Seiya who understands it well, never agreed to Edward's proposal.

"I see. I do not care about such a thing so tell me as soon as you change your mind"

"Thank you teacher"

"Well then. Let's do our best"

That said, Edward went out of the rooftop, but his back view seemed very disappointed. And Edward, who came out from the roof, never noticed the people lurking near.

Then Seiya that remained on the rooftop starts his self-training.

He started to train the magical power of light attribute in his body, and started to gather the magical power of light attribute around Seiya. Yellow magical power slowly wraps around the body of Seiya, but in the next moment the magical cover of the light flickers and disappears.

Seiya stops magical training and brainstorms.

"Hmm, after all it is impossible. It is difficult to do so without chanting. However, since this magic is original, I do not even know the perfect chant"

While saying as such, Seiya agitates the magical power of light in his body again. The magical power of the light attribute clinging to the body of Seiya, but it runs out quickly and disappears.

While sitting, Seiya tries the same thing over and over, but in the next moment it vanishes again.

What Seiya was trying was his original magic.

Since original magic is constructed based on theory, chant is hard to create. So it takes a tremendous amount of time to develop. For this reason, it is very unusual for new magic to be developed in this world.

And Seiya was challenging such gigantic goal.

"I should try chanting it. But last time, I used words for light attribute reinforcement and magic continuity but I did not succeed"

Mumbling to himself, Seiya looks at the clouds floating in the sky while lying sprawled on the roof.

Seiya talked to Edward about his original magic he's trying now, but he told Seiya to quit immediately.

The reason is simple.

Seiya's magic has already been in the invocation phase, even though the theory behind it is not so firm. With magic you don't understand, you do not know when you will fall into an unexpected situation.

If you mistakenly use the wrong chant, it might hurt the caster.

Casting is the same as chemistry, or so they say. Even if it is not dangerous on its own, it can be harmful to the human body if mixed.

With that as the reason, Edward who judged it to be dangerous told Seiya to stop developing new magic. But Seiya kept developing it secretly from Edward.

That is because if this magic is completed, Seiya's fighting power will rise dramatically. Then he may be able to retaliate those who look down on him.

Seiya's expectations for this new magic were that high.

Seiya continued the same thing over and over till the end of the third hour, but he never succeeded.

In the fourth hour, Seiya starts a new magic training, unlike the previous one.

While grasping the tree branch, Seiya starts chanting.

"Me, who received protection of light. Show, the power of light 『Triple length』"

When he finished casting, the tree branch shines. It was covered with magical power of light attribute.

Seiya increases the amount of magical power that flows into the branch.

Then the length of the branch triples. Even though it tripled, the length of the branch itself was not, but the light that the branches wrapped in extended to three times the length of the branch.

Seiya keeps the length of light as it is, then doubles it.

I doubled it and stopped there. However, the branches wrapped in light six times its length broke and the magical power disappeared.

"Damn it, it happened after all. I need to be gentler and try once more"

The magic that Seiya practicing is called the light attribute beginner magic 『Triple length』, this magic can increase the length of an object with the magical power of light attribute.

And what he's doing now is training to change the length of branches freely using light.

Seiya thought that if he could manipulate this magic freely he will be able to change the length of the sword during battles.

Why is it a branch of a tree? Because there is a backlash in case of failure and the sword itself will break like the branch during battle.

Seiya did the same thing afterwards, but each time he broke the branch and eventually there was no progress during self-training time today.

In the end the time for lunch break begun.

When it's time for lunch break, he goes out of the school. There is a bakery located a little away from the school. The name of the bakery is "Bake John", and it is a shop Edward often brought him to.

Seiya likes this shop and always byes his lunch here. Upon entering the shop, John the owner of "Bake John" speaks to Seiya.

"Welcome, Seiya"

"Hello uncle"

"Is it usual?"

"Yes, please"

That said, John puts the bread on the tray. Because Seiya is a regular customer, he already remembered his habits.

John is a skin head with a large body, dense black beard, and seems to be scary, but if you know him better he is surprisingly gentle and very familiar to people.

John hands a tray with bread to Seiya and receives money from him.

"Seiya, this is a service"

Saying that he puts a red apple on the tray with melon bread and ice tea.

"Thank you"

"That's right, Seiya. Tell that bastard Edward to come by sometimes"

"Will do"

Seiya finds a seat on an open terrace and starts taking lunch.

He likes this shop not only because bread is delicious, it is also because there are no magicians.

Neither John is magician nor any other regular customers touch Seiya the

Unknown. Therefore, because Seiya does not need to worry, he always comes here for lunch.

While eating bread, Seiya thinks about his fighting style.

He is trying to establish a new battle style for himself with close combat as a priority using two spells which he trained during self-training, but it is difficult to realize because neither has succeeded yet.

However, once the new battle style is completed, it is also true that Seiya's ability will be quite high. Therefore, he definitely wants to complete it soon.

Seiya's battle style is a super-proximity-type that places importance on speed, but it can also accommodate medium distances.

The battle in super-proximity to the enemy is advantageous, but it becomes tough after mid distance.

Therefore, he was planning to deal with that problem using 『Triple length』 which he was practicing during the fourth hour. This style which can be established only with simple magic is the battle style that is most suitable for Seiya who cannot use magic well.

When he finished eating lunch, he returned the tray to John.

"Thank you for the meal. I'll come again"

"Sure, try your best in the afternoon too, Seiya"

"Yup"

Thanking John, Seiya headed for the classroom for practical training.

Chapter 5: Practical Training ①

Senabia Magic Academy has a vast dome for students to train in.

Even though it is called training, there are various types, including fighting using only close proximity weapons, far range attack using magic, battle using both weapons and magic.

But none of this is necessary for the future magician to use in battle in the future.

Battle for magicians is not just about people. There are also monsters that live in the dark territory.

Even so, churches around the country are wary of the dark terrain, dispatching magicians as soon as they discover monsters and annihilating them, there are little to no monsters attacking the city.

Even so, sometimes strong monsters that cannot be easily annihilated by the army force their way into the city.

But even when a powerful monster attacks, it is easy to annihilate him even though it takes time, because one of the 12 sages of the kingdom will assume command and the church will provide troops.

Thanks to the that, there were no major problems other than disappearance of the goddess in Leiria Kingdom, and for many years, peace is being kept.

Returning to the matters at hand, Senabia Magic Academy's Training Center. There is a special barrier inside the dome, and the damage received within that boundary will directly damage the spirit without affecting the body.

So it is absolutely impossible to die within the barrier, even if you receive enormous damage equivalent to lethal or faint, you will just turn into particles of light and dust and the barrier will send you out.

Seiya was quite inconvenienced with such training time. Magic is basically learned from the time of birth, but Seiya began to learn when he was ten years old.

At this point he is ten years apart from the surrounding people. It is impossible for such Seiya to fight equally with other people.

In addition, during the battle training, Zach and his friends can legally assault Seiya.

Seiya can also counterattack, but doing so would worsen Zach's mood and who knows what he can do after training.

So Seiya had no choice but to flee all the time.

While Seiya waited at the training grounds, red-haired teacher Lamia enters the training ground. When Lamia confirmed that everyone was here, she began explaining the training content.

"Today's training is a survival. The field is a whole dome. Both weapons and magic are permitted to use. You are considered retired at the point of losing consciousness. Who has the questions? There are none. That's all. I pray for a good fight"

After confirming that there are no questions, Lamia heads to the bleacher and lowers her back.

There is a screen constructed utilizing reflection magic on the bleachers, and you can see the inside of the training arena. Lamia looked at the screen ready to check everyone's actions.

Before training begins, Seiya and his classmates are scattered to choose their starting point.

While making a sullen face, Seiya is looking for a place to hide, and the trio of Zach, Hoa and Shura approaches Seiya.

"Unknown, let's try our best"

Zach said that to Seiya with a detestable grin on his face. This is a survival training. Everyone is an enemy, but it is also allowed to team up trying to defeat one by the power of numbers.

Basically, even if three people lynch Seiya, that does not count as foul.

Seiya knew what Zack was thinking, but he couldn't do anything.

As a countermeasure, Seiya could also fight in group, but this is impossible, classmates who fight with Unknown will be despised. In other words, Seiya can only fight alone today.

"Yeah..... Let's both do our best"

"Heh. Sure~ Let's do our best, Unknown"

Three fellows went away before Seiya with a content smile.

(..... Haa, yeah, training. I need to escape somewhere.....)

And the chime signaling the beginning of the class rings.

As soon as the chime is over, the inside of the barrier is changing from wasteland to green forest. This is the power of the illusion that the barrier has.

Even though I say illusions, I can touch forest trees and climb them. So it is not an exaggeration to say that this space feels like real forest.

"The time limit is 2 hours. Training started! "

Simultaneously with the signal from Lamia, the explosion could be heard spreading from several places.

Even if you change the insides of the dome from wasteland into the forest, you can grasp the general position of the enemy, so battles may occur soon. Seiya summons his own weapon that he can call his partner to prepare for battle.

"Me, the apostle of light. Appear Hollins! "

When Seiya finished chanting, the yellow magic circle appears and short swords come out from inside right into the hands of Seiya.

This is the basic spell under the weapon summoning category, the weapon summoned by Seiya is a weapon called "Twin swords Hollins".

Seiya often used this magic, even though his spell repertoire is rather humble. It is Seiya's belief that if you cannot use magic well you could compensate with swordsmanship.

Magic is divided into beginner magic, intermediate magic, advanced magic, and the power grows stronger the rank goes up.

Incidentally, regardless of the rank of magic and the rank of magician, even beginner magicians who could use advanced magic exist, but they are very rare.

In addition to this there are spells designated as forbidden and clan's unique magic, but they are all ranked.

Seiya who summoned the Hollins ran towards the sound of explosion. He did it not to join the battle but to escape from the trio.

The deeper you enter into the battle zone, the more likely it is that three people will get caught up in other battles, and the possibility of being lynched will be low.

And if you are lucky, those three people may be killed by other students.

Fortunately, there are no other classmates joining the three's lynching team, and they do not interfere with Seiya except the trio, even if you encounter them you will only fight normally.

Seiya arrives where the explosion sounded, as expected, intense fighting was in progress.

A petite boy with blond hair and eyeglasses Chris Haniat was fighting with a muscular big man with shaved head, Kair Dennas.

Both are Seiya's classmates and are highly skilled magicians.

Kair, with his muscular body holding a large hammer, uses magic of fire attribute, and Chris was fighting with light magic while avoiding Kair's attack.

"I, the one who received divine protection of fire, require your power『Fire Bullet』"

A red magic circle is deployed on Kair's hammer and it becomes covered in fire. Each time Kair shook the hammer, fire bullets were released attacking Chris.

"You are naive! I who received the protection of light, now let the light shine『Wall of Light』"

When the magic circle is deployed in front of Chris, two light walls simultaneously appear to protect him.

The spell used by Chris is one of the most popular defense spells of light attribute intermediate level spells 『Wall of Light』, it protects the front of the caster by creating the wall of light. (TN: Ingenious)

But Chris' magic didn't end with just that.

Chris activated 『rising』special effect of light attribute. The two『Wall of Light』raise each other's defensive power, to five times the norm.

Kair's 『Fire Bullet』cannot destroy Chris' double『Wall of Light』and gets scattered.

(After all, Chris is awesome..... He is using intermediate light magic so easily.... It is impossible for me...)

It is natural that a fight at a level of Chris and Kair will be possible for Seiya if he studied magic since childhood, but of course current Seiya cannot do such a thing.

First, his chanting speed is slower than Chris. Second, it is difficult for Seiya to exercise two or more spells at the same time.

Seiya was watching the two fighting while thinking about such things, but suddenly he was assaulted by a cold feeling. It felt as if a hungry snake stared at his back.

A cold feeling clung to the body of Seiya, turning his face to the back, there was the appearance of Zach's trio deploying magic circles with a hateful grins on their faces.

"Yo ~ Unknown. I was searching for you"

"Zach-kun....."

Seiya hurriedly tried to take a stance with the twin swords Hollins in his hand but he was late. A red chain emerged from the magic circle which Zach was deploying and winded around the foot of Seiya.

Seiya tried to remove the chain wrapped around his feet, but the chain was a spell of fire attribute, so high heat attacks Seiya the moment he touches it. It was fortunate that uniform had long pants, otherwise heat would have been unbearable.

The spell used by Zach is beginner fire spell 『Chains of Fire』. Even if this chain is cut apart, it can be reformed immediately and returned to original condition, so it is commonly used spell for disabling opponent.

Zach says while pulling the chain wrapped around Seiya's foot.

"Ha-ha. Let us also begin our training~, Unknown. But here is a little inconvenient, so let's change the place"

Zach starts running while pulling a chain.

Hoa and Shura also run after Zac, but Seiya inevitably crawl on the ground since he is still constricted be the 『Chains of Fire』.

"Heh....."

The ground and branches mercilessly strikes Seiya, but Zach continues to run while pulling the chain without worrying about such things.

By the time they arrived to the small clearing Seiya's face and uniform are muddy through and through.

Seiya felt it was probably here that the Zach's trio are going to lynch him under the name of training.

Three people were watching Seiya while flashing a small detestable grin. From those eyes he felt a strong despise and hatred.

Chapter 6: Practical Training ②

The trio of Zach, Hoa and Shura surrounded Seiya.

You can't escape even if you want to. There are no people in the surroundings and it seems that they won't encounter anyone any time soon. Although no one would have helped Seiya even if they saw.

The three people stare at Seiya with disdain.

"Let us have fun fighting, Unknown"

"It's a survival after all. Everyone is an enemy"

"But who should we fight first~? Let's first defeat a single person~"

"I agree. Well then, let's start from Unknown! "

Three of them, having finished their farce, started casting magic towards Seiya one after another.

"I, who received protection of fire, call upon your power『Fire Bullet』"

"I, who received protection of fire, call upon your power『Fire Bullet』"

"I, who received protection of wind, call upon your power『Wind Blade』"

The spells casted by three people one after another land on Seiya, scorching hot wind blades burn and slice Seiya's body.

"Damn it....."

Seiya starts to deflect their attacks on his vital parts with twin swords Hollins, using precise moves and utmost concentration.

Seiya is under a storm of numerous attacks, but it does not reach his protected spots.

Thanks to the special barrier which is put in the training dome Seiya's body is fine. However, since the damage itself goes to the spirit, Seiya has an expression of agony.

Both of the spells that three people used are classified as beginner spells, but it was a powerful attack for Seiya who cannot use magic satisfactorily.

Even though he managed to prevent this round of attacks with Hollins, but it won't be strange if Seiya's will have lapse in concentration as time goes on.

"What's happened, Unknown? You won't fight back?"

"Or you can't fight back?"

"Come to think of it, you can't even use magic properly~"

"Gahahahahahaha....."

Three people laughed loudly while watching the Seiya defending. Certainly Seiya could not use magic well enough, but if it is those three it is possible to counterattack.

However, Seiya absolutely refused to act.

If he counterattacks here, he will be bullied even harsher. Seiya is aware that Zach is such a type of a person.

And Zach's trio also knew that Seiya won't fight back.

"I, who received protection of light.....ehh"

"Ha-ha, if you do not chant it properly, magic won't come out, Unknown"

"Hah....."

"What should we do Zach? Shall we finish him?"

"No, not yet. I have yet to fight properly. Gahahahahahaha"

Seiya does not counterattack, but tries to defend himself with defensive spell. However, before the chant is completed, it is forcibly interrupted.

Trio knew that Seiya will not fight back, as such defensive magic was unneeded. Attacking to their hearts content they didn't bother with defense at all.

Three people were tormenting Seiya, but only Zach raised laughter of delight from the bottom of his heart, somewhat different from the other two.

Seeing the delighted appearance of Zach, Hoa and Shura started to hesitate.

Seiya thought that Zach was behaving strangely today. Usually they make Seiya retire quite swiftly, but today was different.

Tormenting Seiya over and over, he does not seem satisfied, and continues his assault.

Looking at the state of Zach, Seiya understand he is in dangerous. However, there is no way the three people will forgive him if he tries to use defensive magic

While numerous attacks continued to hit Seiya, he thinks of a way out.

It is a spell that he always practiced during the third hour.

He never succeeded, but Seiya was convinced that with his spell he could overcome this predicament.

He didn't know if it will succeed.

However, Seiya's instincts tell him to use that spell here.

Seiya starts to move the light attribute magical power inside his body while preventing attacks that are likely to become fatalities with twin swords Hollins. There is no need to be impatient. Thinking to himself as such, Seiya calms down.

"Unknown is trying to do something"

"It will misfire anyway"

"Useless struggle~"

Three people knew that Seiya was up to something, but since he was not

chanting, they were convinced that magic will misfire.

In theory, it is said that casting magic without chant is possible, but such a feat can only be achieved by magician with some power. And Seiya is not such a magician.

An ordinary magician needs an aid of a magic stone to omit the chant, but even if Seiya in front of him has a magic stone, he couldn't believe he will use it.

In other words, it is impossible for Seiya to unleash a spell without chanting. Zach's trio thought as such.

"Fuu....."

While breathing out, Seiya was quite impatient at the bottom of his heart. If the spell he tries to complete does not succeed, he won't be able to tell what will happen to him.

Seeing the state of Zach, if he couldn't cast it well, there will be no end to Seiya's torment.

The moment before completion of Seiya's spell, trio finally noticed. While having no idea what Seiya tries to do, they were able to perceive strange magical waves, different from usual.

The impatient trio immediately launched fierce assault.

"『Fire Bullet』"

"『Fire bullet』"

"『Wind Blade』"

Those spells launched by the three people were supposed to hit Seiya. However, at the next moment, the figure of Seiya, who had an expression of agony until the moment ago, disappears from the sight of three people in a blink of an eye.

"""What?"""

The trio saw their spells hit the ground while raising dust clouds. Completely unable to process what happened.

Being unable to find his figure, they were able to understand that he surely didn't retire.

Three people quickly looked around trying to find Seiya, and found him just slight distance away from them.

Seiya's body is shining clad in the magical power of the light attribute. To be exact, it would be better to say that he is wearing the magical power of light.

(That will work!)

Seiya is elated in his mind due to successful casting.

The magic used by Seiya is his original magic『Mantle of Light』. It clads the body in the power of light and makes use of『rising』special effect of the light

attribute to dramatically rise his physical abilities.

If you cannot defend and cannot fight back, just avoid the enemy. Seiya thought so and used 『Mantle of Light』.

As for results, Zach's trio were unable to grasp the way Seiya moved out of their field of vision.

"Unknown....."

Zach rages in anger and thinking of Seiya. It didn't defend nor counterattacked, just avoided him. That was the most humiliating thing for Zach.

Despite focusing on the attack all the way, despite concentrating on the appearance of Seiya, he still could not capture his movements and was taken aback.

Moreover, Zach does not know the spell used by Seiya, nor does he heard of it. He was inferior to Seiya the Unknown.

That fact was unacceptable to Zach.

"Don't be so arrogant! You a just an Unknown! I, who received protection of fire, call upon your power『Fire Bullet』"

Although Zach casted 『Fire Bullet』towards Seiya, he couldn't capture the appearance of Seiya whose physical abilities have been increased by 『Mantle of

Light].

And Seiya continuously avoids Zack's attacks. This further raises Zach's anger, but Seiya does not care.

Their attacks did not hit him anymore.

"You guys, help right now. Let's attack together"

"Yeah"

"Sure"

Two people are disturbed seeing Zach's demon-like face. But immediately cast their spells towards Seiya.

" I, who received protection of fire, call upon your power『Fire Bullet』"

" I, who received protection of fire, call upon your power『Fire Bullet』"

" I, who received protection of wind, call upon your power『Wind Blade』"

Being clad in『Mantle of Light』the movements of fire bullets and wind blade launched by the trio seemed extremely slow in Seiya's vision.

"Damn it. Why? "

Not being able to hit Seiya irritates Zach greatly.

(After all, it is slow)

Seiya, feeling himself getting stronger, can counterattack however he desires.

With the help of 『Mantle of Light』it is easy to escape from Zach and it is easy to attack him either.

(In that case, I will do just that)

Seiya, who decided to counterattack, tries to slash at Zach while holding Hollins in both hands. Zach was still unable to react to the speed of Seiya.

In this case it was OK for fight all three people.

"Eh?"

However, after the moment he took a first step Seiya feels the body suddenly getting heavier. Then he stumbled, and fell to the ground.

"Why....."

Unexpectedly the magical power of the light that had been wrapped around the body of Seiya disappeared and the state of 『Mantle of Light』 had been released.

"It can't be happening....."

"Yo, Unknown"

Zak is smiling while staring at Seiya who is stunned by the disappearance of 『Mantle of Light』.

Hate was radiating from his eyes.

Chapter 7: Practical Training ③

Suddenly the『Mantle of Light』has melted and Seiya exposed his defenseless appearance to Zach.

However, Seiya did not understand why『Mantle of Light』suddenly dissolved.

To tell the truth, Seiya mistook the amount of magical power used for『Mantle of Light』.

Seiya thought that『Mantle of Light』is a way to raise his physical abilities by wearing the magical power of light attribute. But with this alone this spell cannot be casted.

It is impossible to withstand the rise in physical ability of the body as it is, else it will destroy the body on the caster.

So, you must raise your endurance for the magical power of the light attribute.

Because Seiya unconsciously increased the endurance of his body, he managed to consume more magical power than expected, causing mana shortage.

As soon as you think calmly, you can understand immediately but Seiya wasn't in the mood for complex analysis.

"What's wrong, Unknown. Is it okay to not the magic you used moment ago?"

Zach, who is happy to see Seiya's pitiful appearance, casts a spell towards Seiya.

"I, who received protection of fire, call upon your power『Fire Bullet』"

Zak continues exercising『Fire Bullet』one after another, and Seiya receives it all without opportunity to prevent the attack.

"Uwa a a a a a"

"It won't over with just that"

Seiya is suffering from Zach's attacks, unleashed without any mercy, and Hoa and Shura, having seen enough, are trying to stop Zach.

"Hey, you are overdoing things"

"That's right~. As expected it is an overkill ~"

Zach stared at the two who tried to stop him.

"Shut up. If you do not want to end up like this, do not go against intermediate class magician clan"

Zach raged, he didn't satisfy all of his grudges yet.

He was far from the usual Zach, which the two people knew. However, if they try to stop Zach of an intermediate magician family while being in a beginner magician family there is a possibility that they can suffer the same fate as Seiya, so they stayed silent.

"Hey, hey, what happened, Unknown? Is this the end? Huh? You are a disgrace of a magician"

"Wow...."

Receiving most of Zach's attacks with his body, Seiya falls to the ground. It seems that his consciousness is already almost lost and he is reaching the limit, but Zach didn't stop.

"『Fire Bullet』"(TN: He really likes to spam this)

"You are overdoing things, Zach"

"Right, any more and he~..."

Hoa and Shura are trying to stop Zach's spell by jumping on him.

Even though Zach is from an intermediate magician clan, unleashing excessive attacks on non-resisting magician is not going to be praised, even if it is training.

If an accident happens, some kind of penalty will come down from the school's management and the three of them will end up getting penalized.

"Release me!"

"Wait a second, Zach"

"That's right ~"

"Shut up. This scum is trying to consolidate his position by meeting the director. Why do you even try to protect him?"

To the people who cannot understand what he suddenly said. Zach tells them what happened in the morning.

"The director said that he wants to greet him as his adopted son. And then, all this bullying will disappear. This guy was selling himself to the director to become the part of an intermediate magician's family, same as me"

"What is this all about....."

The two didn't know what to say.

"He is trying to become equal with me by becoming an adopted child of the director who is in intermediate magician family. And I don't want to be equal to this one"

What Zach says is not a mistake, but it is still different from the facts. In the morning, Zach happened to hear that Seiya and Edward were talking on the rooftop.

Usually, students are prohibited from approaching the rooftop.

However, as Seiya was casually heading towards the roof as if he had permission (he actually had one) , Zach decided to tail him.

So Zach saw Seiya and Edward talking with each other.

They did not seem to have a relationship like between student and a director, and Zach was listening to the door trying to hear the conversation between them. But because the door was made of iron, he could not hear all of it.

The only thing Zach could hear is the phrase of adopting Seiya. And Zach made up the conversation of the Seiya and Edward from the phrases he heard and convinced himself that it is true.

"That's ...something"

Zach's assertion is incorrect, misunderstanding is mixed within, Seiya wanted to them, but couldn't utter a single word due to damage from Zach's outrage.

Adding Seiya's bad luck, Zach realizes that he is still conscious and wants to continue the "training".

Even the two who had been trying to stop Zach until that time didn't stop him once again after hearing this story.

Seiya is going to be above, Unknown in front of them will be above. They couldn't accept such a thing.

"I'm not finished yet, Unknown"

"That was dirty, Unknown"

"That's right~ That's right~"

Three people casted their spells eyeing Seiya with contempt. He will retire if the attacks reach him.

Seiya came to this realization intuitively, couldn't do anything without any mana in his body. The only thing he can do is to accept reality.

"This is the end"

"Wow"

It was when Seiya was ready to accept defeat.

"『Wind Fang』"

At that time, a strong wind blew, blowing away the trio, who tried to activate their spells, hitting the tree.

"Eh?..."

Seiya, who could not understand what happened, managed to keep a strand of his consciousness and looked in the direction of the wind.

There was a boy with a short silver hair with his hand held in front of him.

It was wind attributed magician Jin Heint that smashed the trio using intermediate spell 『Wind Fang』. A magician of the senior magician clan, Heint family, he is a classmate of the Seiya.

A senior magician clan is a family with unique magic derived from the four basic attributes. Their number is small in the Kingdom of Leiria, but at the same

time they have formidable strength.

The spell used by Jin is the wind attribute intermediate spell『Wind Fang』. This is a spell that releases multiple『Wind Blade』which are the beginner spell of wind attribute at the same time, making fangs from blades.

When shooting multiple『Wind Blade』at the same time, if timing deviates even a little, they will collide with each other and spell will fail. So『Wind Fang』is a spell that requires considerable skill.

"You bastard....."

Zach, stricken by a tree, stares daggers at Jin while slowly getting up. On the other hand, Hoa and Shura are still stunned by the shock, making their consciousness dim.

"Jin. What are you going to do? Stealing other people's pray"

"Nothing much ... I just saw three people in front of me, so I might as well defeat them"

Jin's blunt attitude further irritates Zach.

"Bastard! Don't mess with me"

"I'm not messing with anyone"

Jin's behavior is quite normal, so Zach cannot complain. In addition, the opponent is from a senior magician clan above the Zach of the intermediate magician clan.

If Jin is to play like a bully, and sanction Zach it won't be wrong however you look at it. But Zach was too excited to notice such a thing.

"Damn. Irritating bastard"

"Don't make me repeat myself, I'm not here to play around"

That attitude of Jin is increasingly annoying to Zach. Zach, seemed to be about to pounce on Jin, but the difference in ability is too big.

Zach instinctively understood that and was wary of Jin's attack.

"Did you come here to.....Huh?"

At that time, something pierced through Zach's back, who was wary of Jin's attack.

Zach slowly lowered his line of sight and saw his found the light penetrating his chest.

As he turned backward and traced the light, there was a figure of Seiya with his face still on the ground, but the only difference if his right arm facing Zach.

"Unknown...You bastard..."

Zach stares at Seiya with eyes filled with hatred, but at the next moment his body disappears in a cloud of sparkling dust.

(I did it.....)

Seiya, who made Zach retire with his own hands, is pleased deep down in his hearth. Although Seiya didn't want to fight back at first, the appearance of Jin forced Zach to show the biggest opening yet

From that point he started exercising 『Triple Length』on Hollins, which is mere spell of beginner level, stabbing Zach in the back without thinking of aftermath.

『Triple Length』 is the spell that Seiya practiced during the fourth hour. He had broken branches at that time, but now to his surprise he didn't damage the durability of the swords in the slightest.

He just needed to elongate his sword enough to reach Zach.

Seiya then successfully exercised this spell for the first in his life and made Zach retire.

Seiya rejoiced that he retired Zach with his own hand. And Seiya thanks Jin who helped him.

Seiya thought that there was no one among his classmates who will help the Unknown and was quite happy about that.

"Err.....Thank you for saving me Jin-kun"

"I didn't help you"

"Eh?"

Seiya hesitates hearing such an answer.

"But you just defeated those three..."

"Because I didn't see you here. And now I will also defeat you"

"Eh?"(TN: Such eloquence)

In the next moment, Seiya lost consciousness.

His head was cut off by Jin's wind blade and he retired. Today's class is a survival, everyone around is the enemy. Seiya ought to have thought about that sooner.

After that, Jin defeated two people scattered around the tree and headed for a new battle zone.

Today's class ended as such for retired people.

But the day is not over yet for Seiya. A new problem is waiting for him.

Chapter 8: A problem Occurred

When Seiya woke up, a white ceiling was spreading in front him. After looking around and finding medical instruments placed around him Seiya understands that he was sleeping on the bed in the medical room.

Apparently the retired Seiya seems to have been brought to the nurse's office, so as the still asleep Zach.

"Ah....."

Seiya reminds himself of his previous actions, quietly gets up the bed and leaves the school so as not to wake Zach up.

Leaving the room, he saw the clock and confirmed the time. The practical training seems to still be in progress.

Seiya decides to head to the shop situated in the school to moisten his dry throat.

Since the shops are not located in the same building as train stations and gymnasiums, he had to return to the main building where classrooms are.

The magic academy has a lot of facilities, the academy building is large, and it is hard to move around. It took about five minutes to return to the main building and arrive at the shop.

"Mm?"

Seiya tried to buy an energy drink with a fatigue restoring effect but noticed something. There was no wallet in his pocket.

Seiya tries to think just where on earth it went.

During practice training it was certainly in the pocket, so it might be in the bed in the nurse's office.

"It can't be happening to me....."

Seiya succumbed to disappointment and despair.

Zach's trio is still in that room. But he couldn't buy dinner tonight without his wallet. So he went to the health department while praying that the trio is still sleeping.

Seiya came back to the nurse's office, opened the doors quietly so as not to wake them up.

Fortunately, Zach is still asleep, and relieved Seiya starts searching the bed in which he was sleeping.

However, the wallet was not in bed, flustered, he searches down to the bottom of the bed. At such time, a very low voice was heard from behind Seiya.

"Is this what you are looking for, Unknown?"

While thinking "Crap" Seiya slowly looks back. Then there was Zach who had a disgusting smile holding Seiya's wallet.

Shura and Hoa who also regained consciousness also have that revolting smile on their faces. Apparently the three had already regained consciousness and seems to have been waiting for Seiya to come back.

"I heard, Unknown. You seem to have stabbed Zach?"

"Not bad for an Unknown~"

Seiya seeing the face of the three people realized what was going to happen. If he goes against them, he will receive violent "sanctions" and won't get back his wallet.

"If you want this back, come closer to me, Unknown"

"I understand, Zach-kun. So return the wallet"

"What with that attitude? I told you to come closer"

Zach's mood is the worst ever after seeing Seiya.

This should be that. Zach misunderstood that Seiya met with Edward in order to become a member of intermediate magician family, and adding to that he was suddenly backstabbed by Seiya, the beginner magician.

Seiya was pulled by Zach the back of the alley outside the school grounds.

There is little traffic in this alley, and it is a dark place. Especially during classes. Of course the teachers of Magic Academy are in the academy building, so people will never come here all of the sudden.

In such an alley, Seiya's punishment has begun.

"Take this! You stabbed me rather nicely, Unknown"

"A cheeky Unknown trying to become an intermediate magician. Don't be so conceited"

"What's wrong, Unknown? Why don't you say something~?"

"Cough cough....."

Seiya is getting himself kicked and stepped on repeatedly.

There is no barrier like in a training dome here, and bruises will remain. Seiya has trouble breathing with his belly and chest getting stepped on.

"Hey Unknown. You don't think it will end here? Cheeky brats need to take responsibility for their actions. Hey! It's presumptuous for a small fry to become an intermediate magician "

"Take this! Do you want to step on us using director's authority? Don't screw with me! Do it after showing sufficient ability"

"That's right~. You should belong to the bottom of beginner's class for the rest of your life ~"

"Chg....."

Three people kept assaulting Seiya while misunderstanding, but Seiya wasn't able to fix it already. Even if he told the truth, there are no reasons for three people to believe him and stop.

There is also the possibility of getting beaten up further by being told that he is rebelling. It's better to just quietly wait until they finish. Seiya was thinking as such.

"This scum of a magician ! "

"Fight fairly if you are unreconciled"

"That's right~ That's right~"

Just how much he had been kicked?

Seiya thought so, but the brain stops thinking after a while and his consciousness gradually becomes distant. A lot of stains and bruises were made on the face of Seiya, and it was the same with the clothes.

(Is it over already.....)

Seiya feels time flowing slower than ever.

During the usual training time, damage to the body does not persist, but now it is different. The wounds remain on the body the more he gets kicked, and it's only gets worse.

And longer beatings further burden Seiya's heart.

Simultaneous burden on the spirit and body was immense.

(It hurts ... it hurts ... someone someone help me.....)

Seiya suddenly gets agitated. It is a work Seiya, the weakling who sleeps deep inside his heart. He desperately prayed inside his spinning head.

(Anyone will do help me)

Immediately after teary-eyed Seiya thought so, he caught a shadow in the field of his view.

Did people in the city who found them came to intervene? Hoping so Seiya checked his surroundings. And at the same time a tremendous chill hit Seiya.

Several men come into the alley, but the atmosphere is not looking peaceful, those people held guns in their hands. (TN: Yep)

In this magical world there are guns, but those who use belong mostly to the dark organizations of non-magicians. For magicians, handgun holds no threat, and non-magicians ask for church's help if there is something, there weren't many people using guns in the first place.

Seiya saw a handgun only in a book, this was the first time seeing the real deal. However, he was convinced that the handguns of those men were dangerous.

Zack's trio are concentrating on adding an insult to an injury and do not

notice.

Seiya tries to tell the three people that the danger is coming from behind, but his voice doesn't come out well.

"Ugh behi..."

"Oh? I can't hear you ~"

"Ugh"

Somehow he tried to tell the trio about the threat approaching from behind, but they have no ears that are willing to listen, and further trample Seiya.

His chest is stifled, and Seiya cannot breathe well. At this point those men were pointing their handguns on the trio's backs.

The men who pulled the triggers of their handguns.

Poof Poof Poof

Immediately afterwards, the trio foams from their mouth, and then they lose consciousness. The men having confirmed that those three fainted gave a sigh in the direction of the entrance of the alley.

Then more men appear.

"Capture is complete"

"All right, pull them on the wagon. Let's drive them to the laboratory"

"Roger"

Looking at those men he understood that they are the gang of kidnappers mentioned before. Seiya thought of leaving a clue behind while remembering the incident that Lamia told to the class in the morning.

(If I leave behind clues the church will.....)

Poof

However, Seiya was also shot with a handgun and lost consciousness.

Chapter 9: Crazy Scientist

Cold. The moment Seiya felt so, he regained his consciousness.

When Seiya woke up and looked around, he found walls made of inorganic materials and iron bars spread around, as it turned out he was in the artificially made prison.

"Here is....."

Seiya who tried to remember what happened before he fainted finds Zach's trio scattered around. Looking closely, they were even restrained with handcuffs.

"Zach-kun! Zach-kun! "

Seiya tries to wake Zach up. Fortunately, Zach regained consciousness only after a few nudges, and Hoa and Shura also quickly followed suit.

When they regained consciousness and realized that they were imprisoned, they quickly asked Seiya for explanation.

"Hey, Unknown. What did you do? Where is this place? "

Zach, who decided this situation to be the Seiya's fault, pounces on him. Seiya hurriedly began to explain to Zach.

"Zach-kun, wait! I have not done anything. It is the men of the dark organization that did this!"

"Ahh? Dark organization? Do think I will believe you?"

"It's true. I'm captured too"

"Ohh? You must have orchestrated it somehow"

With Zach getting noisy and sticking to Seiya, Hoa and Shura gave a helping boat to Seiya. Both of them seem to have judged the situation calmly.

"Hey Zach! Apparently we were captured. Look at those handcuffs. Besides, this place..."

"It's strange~ I cannot use my magic~"

"What, you cannot use magic? What do you mean? Hey, Unknown"

Zach thought that it was Seiya's work that he could not use magic.

"Wait ... I do not even know. But I know that we were shot by something like anesthetic gun and were brought here"

What Seiya is saying is definitely true, but from standpoint of Zach, when that happened Seiya suddenly lost consciousness.

I couldn't believe Seiya so easily.

"Zach, apparently what Unknown says is true. This handcuff is probably made of magic seal stone. And only dark organizations deal with magic seal stones.

And I do not think that Unknown is capable of preparing a magic seal stone"

"For it to be a magic seal stone ... Is this true, Hoa?"

"Yeah, no doubt. I have once touched the real thing; this handcuff is the same as the magic seal stone I touched at that time. The culprit probably"

Magic seal stone is a mineral that seals the magic of the magician as its name implies.

Originally it was used by the church for arresting magicians who sinned, but in some underground societies it was used for kidnapping and so on.

It is near impossible for individual magicians to obtain them because of their rarity and price.

"It seems this is the gang of kidnappers that teacher mentioned in the morning. Crap, we are in trouble"

"Do not be like that. Considering that they also uses magic seal stones, the criminal is a large organization"

"What should we do~ ?"

Zach finally understood their current perilous situation.

As it is impossible for Seiya to acquire magic seal stones, Zach also understood that Seiya is innocent. But if Seiya isn't a culprit, the situation becomes worse.

"It was said that the church is investigating this case, but probability of us being rescued is low"

Zach's face morphed into that of member of intermediate magician clan. Hoa and Shura became nervous seeing that face.

Even if they are magicians, they are still children, it is not known whether they can judge the situation rationally. In that case, by the teachings of Senabia Magic Academy you should obey the one with the highest rank, in this case they should follow Zach's instructions.

"What are we going to do, Zach-kun?"

"There is no choice but to escape"

Unlike usual, Zach readily answered Seiya's question.

Zach does not pick on Seiya, for the time being escape is a top priority. Getting the four of them out of here is a responsibility of Zach of the intermediate magician clan.

"What do you do to break out of the jail?"

"That's right, Zach ~"

They are anxious, but they are both magicians. They have to get used to dangerous situations.

"First of all, we will cooperate with each other and wait for a chance to break out."

"Agreed"

"That's right~"

Considering the current situation, it is quite natural that Zach treats Seiya as an ally, but Seiya is happy about Zach's words and trust.

If all of them can escape, then Seiya thinks that they can become friends born from a struggle. (TN: No, please don't)

"First things first, we need to do something about these handcuffs"

"Come to think of it. Unknown, what kind of guys were the enemy?"

"Well, I could not see clearly, but they were no good men and they had handguns in their hands. We fainted when we were shot by those handguns"

Listening to Seiya's explanation, Zach thought.

"If it is a handgun, the opponent is highly likely to be from a non-magician organization"

"Certainly~"

"So if the handcuffs go away...."

"Yeah, it's our win"

Zach's face is not that of a bully, but that of a leader, Seiya and others leave their lives to him. Immediately switching his behavior, that's what you expect from intermediate magician family.

Facing serious appearance of Zach, trust naturally appear in other's chest.

"The problem is, how are we going to get the key....."

"The guards won't carry the key on their belt right?"

"Yeah, no way~"

"That's right, Zach-kun. There is no way they will do something so stupid"

clink clink

In that moment, a good-looking guy with something like a key on his belt, and a man wearing a thin, dirty white clothes appear.

"Apparently I'm stupid"

"""""Hooray!!!!!!"""""

As dirty man in white clothes said that and Seiya and others ended up crying out loud.

Looking at them, the white coat man scratched his neck, but Zach quickly questioned the man.

"What are you planning to do, bastard? You have guts to mess with Runias family"

Zach shows off his family background to man in white. It was a threatening act and it was also a warning saying that if something happens, an intermediate magician clan would move.

"Runias family? I do not know such a family. Besides, you are my test subjects. Do not make so much noise"

"Test subjects? Do f*ck with me. Get me out of here right now!"

"You're a noisy fellow"

Man in white coat treated Zach as a laboratory rat, he pulled out from his pocket something that resembles a remote control device and pressed the button.

"Aaaaaargh!"

Zach's scream echoed in the prison.

"Next time the current will be stronger by two times. The guinea pig should behave like a guinea pig. By the way, this is Freestan, and we can do not like the common sense of Windistan. I advise you to remember that."

"""""Damn it....."""""

The Leiria Kingdom's Freestan is a province in the upper third of the donut looking from the sky, your position here is determined by you own ability and now by your lineage.

And there is only one reason why magicians from other provinces are being brought to Freestan.

Seiya heard rumors before, but he did not think that it was really being done. While thinking as such he listens to the man in white.

"Do you brought us here for the purpose of magic research?"

To Seiya's question, a man wearing a white coat reveals a smile. From that

expression Seiya understood the answer to his own question and despaired.

"It helps me that you understand. Yes, I will use you as a tool to further my research and improve my position if Freestan"

In Freestan everything is based on ability, the top members of the church are also decided in battle. In Freestan, the human experiment like this one is not unusual.

In particular, in all kinds of underground societies.

Seiya asks the white coated man.

"Even in Freestan if your human experiments come to light it will be the end of you. Besides that, the church is on the move, it won't end well for you"

As Seiya said, the human experimentation is prohibited. If it comes to light he wouldn't be able to save himself however high his ability is.

However, the white coat laughed at Seiya's words.

"He-he-he. Too bad, little brat. No one will find out. Because this is not Freestan but the dark territory close to Freestan"

"Dark territory.....are you sane?"

"Are you kidding?....."

"It can't be....."

Hearing the words “dark territory”, they despaired and at the same time became afraid of the man in white. The dark territory, it’s population is negligible, it is a place where monsters live.

No matter how strong the church is, they won’t search for the criminal in the dark territory.

And even if they escape, there was no way they could return home safely from the dark territory.

Chapter 10: Abandoned Seiya

Knowing that this is a dark territory, Zach's trio turned crazy and started crying out loudly.

"This can't be....."

"You are noise for guinea pigs, should I send electricity again?"

"""""Damn it....."""""

Looking at them, the man wearing the white coat shows off the remote again. As a result, they cannot do anything but keep silent.

"As long as you understand"

"Can I ask something?"

Seiya asks a question for a man in white.

"What, smart guy?"

Apparently, a man in white coat seems to have a relatively good impression of Seiya, and answers his question readily.

That's why Seiya tried to pull more information out of him

"Are you the cause of a recent frequent kidnappings in Windistan?"

If the kidnapper of Windistan is also the man in white coat in front of him, the amount of kidnapped magicians should be tremendous.

In other words, it means that there are many people in these organization, and the more people they have, the bigger the chance to commit a mistake.

Seiya hoped for that.

"Wow ... well done. That's right. Not to mention Windistan, I am also kidnapping from Aquaristan"

"In can't be...."

Answer beyond anticipation came back and he lost his words, but at the same time he saw hope.

According to the testimony of a white coat, the three provincial churches of Freestan, Windistan, and Aquaristan should be on the move to search for him.

Then if he can buy some time, help will eventually come.

"Just how many kidnapped magicians did I kill. Kufufufu"

"What a bastard....."

"He is a psycho"

"No way~"

"Take care. Pitiful guinea pigs"

He is a man with crazy eyes. He merely thinks of magicians as just experimental tools, and he feels no guilt regarding lost lives.

This is a problem that must be taken care of immediately. As soon as Seiya got the information, he decided to hold a strategic meeting with the Zach's trio as soon as possible.

"Do your best to stay obedient from now on"

White-robed man said so and tried to leave, but someone rushed over to a man in a white robe and whispered to him.

Then the white robe hearing the story of a man looked at Seiya's group while grinning and said.

"It is regretful news. We have a shortage of funds right now. So for now, choose one among you. I will take his organs to sell. Did you know? Organs of magicians can sell higher"

"....."

"Because I am gentle person, I will graciously give you some time for selection. Decide in three minutes"

White coat with a smile on his face seemed to be looking forward to their discussion.

What choice will you make with your life as a stake? For white coat, demonstration of the human ugliness was his favorite food.

"He's insane"

"If you have time to beat around the bush then decide quickly, lab rats. Do you want electricity to flow again?"

"Shit....."

"If you do not hurry up I will choose myself. Kihihih!"

Seiya started thinking of what should be done in this situation. We are fellow comrades, we agreed to cooperate with each other. First of all, we should talk with each other without white coat listening, I should buy some time.

Thinking such things Seiya turned to face his comrades, just in time to see them looking back at him.

"Ehh.....you can't be.....wait guys! We just...."

"Shut up! I'm a part of intermediate magician family, Unknown"

"That's right, Unknown. No one will grief if you die, right? But we have a family"

"We are counting on you, Unknown~ Be brave ~"

"Besides, this is the only use for you anyway"

"Wait a moment,『It seems it's decided』....."

When a man wearing a white coat says so, the men behind him open the prison and bring Seiya out.

At that time, Zach tried to steal the keys but failed due to painful electric current.

In the first place, Zach's trio already lost their courage to escape in the face of the crazy man in white robe

"Well then, they did what I told, can't be helped"

"Wait! Zach-kun! Hoa-kun! Shura-kun! You said we are comrades!"

""Oh, that's right. That's precisely why! We will not waste your sacrifice, Unknown""

The trio watched Seiya off with crazy smile. Three people are desperate to survive; most likely they will abandon all their friends from now on.

Seiya stared at the three people with hatred seeping from his eyes, but then he was suddenly blindfolded.

Blindfolded Seiya was brought to an unknown place by the men.

On the way he seemed to go up the stairs, so he knew that they were in the basement so far, but Seiya couldn't care less.

When they arrive in a room, men remove Seiya's blindfold. It looked like an operating room, and there was a single bed in the middle.

Seiya was laid on the bed in the middle of a room, they restrained him by the neck, wrists, ankles and belly.

His body was restrained, and his magic was sealed by magic seal stone. A bright light was shining on Seiya.

After a while, a white clothed man who changed into a surgeon garment comes into the operating room. There was a researcher-like assistant next to him, it was a moment right before the surgery.

The man in the white coat and the assistant set the surgical equipment, Seiya tried to free himself, but he couldn't move because of the restraints.

White coat says to frantic Seiya.

"I am not a demon. I can at least hear your last will, kid"

Whether this was his mercy or he just wanted to play, either one was the same for Seiya. Seiya desperately wants to live.

"Please stop it! I beg you. Save me. I will do anything!"

"I see. Regretfully this is impossible. It is a farewell, kid"

"Nnn! Nnn! "

The assistant presses the mask against Seiya's mouth to apply anesthetic. Gradually the anesthesia starts to take effect, depriving Seiya of his consciousness.

As his consciousness gets hazy, Seiya thinks.

Seiya felt how pitiful his life was up to this point.

He has no memory until the age of ten, the spells he learned are just basics of the basics. When he entered the academy, he was despised as Unknown by the classmates and received a lynching during training, he was betrayed by people he thought of as comrades

(Heh, I'm dying miserably like this. It was a boring life If only I had more power ..)

If I had not stabbed him back then, if I had not brought my wallet, if I was adopted by Edward, if I had been absent from school today, if I did not go to magic academy.

Seiya sinks in regret.

And finally, anesthesia seems to disrupt him thoughts.

Seiya trying to resist against anesthesia, thought further.

If he is going to be killed, it is better to continue to resist anesthesia like this and die painfully, rather than obediently lose consciousness by anesthesia.

Thinking as such Seiya tried to separate his consciousness.

It was at this time.

(Do you feel hate?)

Seiya heard a voice in his head.

Chapter 11: Awakening

Seiya never heard the voice resounding in his head. From that voice, hatred and killing intent flowed densely, it was very dark.

The darkness seemed to envelop Seiya without any resistance.

However, the deep darkness strangely gave Seiya incredibly nostalgic feeling.

Seiya asks the deep darkness in front of him.

(Who?)

(Do you hate, boy?)

The voice coming from the deep darkness. For some reason Seiya couldn't ignore this voice and started a conversation.

(Hate who?)

(The ones who abandoned you, unjust treatment, this world)

Seiya felt that a mysterious voice came from inside of his heart. It felt like the voice asked his inner self, and Seiya answers as if it is natural.

He felt like he is stepping somewhere he shouldn't enter and was passing a point of no return.

But he couldn't lie.

(I hate. The ones who abandoned me. Unjust treatment. This terrible world)

Seiya ended up saying as such. He couldn't turn back anymore.

(I see... then, do you want power?)

(Will you give me the power?)

Seiya reacts to the word power. That was something he could not possibly ever have, and Seiya wants power the bottom of my heart.

(Wrong. The boy already has power. Power to destroy everything)

(The power to destroy everything? I do not have such power)

Seiya doesn't have the power to destroy everything. If he had such power, no one would have called him Unknown.

(You have. You just forgot. Remember it, boy. Your true power)

(Can I really remember my power?)

When Seiya said so, the voice in the deep darkness approaches him.

If it is usual Seiya he will run away or defend, but at this time somehow he had no choice but to accept.

He didn't know himself, why he didn't run, but he did not feel like rejecting the deep darkness.

The deep darkness envelops Seiya more and more. Being swallowed by the darkness he experienced a peculiar feeling.

Twelve years ago, Leiria Kingdom, Windistan, south of Erenerita city.

There were two figures in a deep forest far from the city.

"Daddy~"

"What is it, Seiya?"

"Look her, look here, it is a purple magic circle"

The identity of two people is a pair of father and son. Father was taller than an average human, with red eyes shining like rubies and white hair.

Furthermore, there is a characteristic big scar on his face, and anyone who saw it for the first time will become afraid of him. However, the face of the man was that of a gentle father.

The child was about 5 years old boy. A boy with a beautiful blue eyes and golden hair, although he didn't resemble his father, they had a strange affinity.

A characteristic purple magic circle was deployed on the boy's hand.

Because the boy was able to deploy a magic circle, you can understand that they are both magicians.

If a magician while being a child can create a magic circle, it should make his parents extremely delighted, but his father's face does not seem to be very happy, his face looked rather sad.

After all the magic circle created by the golden-haired boy belongs to a magic treated as a heresy in the Leiria Kingdom.

In the Leiria kingdom the colors are: yellow for the light attribute, red for the fire attribute, blue for the water attribute, green for the wind attribute, the complex circles can have different colors, but they won't become purple.

This was a common sense among magicians, it was an unchanging fact. However, this is common sense of the Leiria kingdom, not the common sense of the rest of the world.

Dark territory is spread around the Kingdom of Leiria, lots of monsters live in the dark territory and almost no humans.

That is also a common sense of the Leiria Kingdom.

But the reality is different.

There is a country in the dark territory. And the dark territory separates the two countries.

That country's name is the Dakuria Empire, and just like the Leiria Kingdom, it has a lot of people living in it.

The size of the Dakuria Empire is about the same as that of the Leiria Kingdom's central region. Instead, there are seven similarly sized cities under the wing of the Dakuria Empire.

These cities have no names; they are called simply Dakuria First District all the way to Dakuria Seventh District.

The seven cities are not adjacent to the Dakuria Empire, but are spread across the dark territory. The country which combined this Dakuria Empire and the Seven Districts under one flag is called Great Dakuria Empire.

The Great Dakuria Empire is traditionally led by the demon emperor Lucifer. In each district there was a demon king ruling the populace.

The common sense of the Great Dakuria Empire is different from the Leiria Kingdom.

The magic circle of the dark attribute is purple, the magic circle of the fire attribute is red, the magic circle of the water attribute is blue, the magic circle of the wind attribute is green, the concept light attribute does not exist in the empire.

There are almost no interactions between two countries.

However, it is not like they are not aware of each other existence, some people in the Leiria Kingdom also know of the existence of the Great Dakuria

Empire.

It could be attributed to the gag order given by the church. They concealed the existence of the Great Dakuria Empire and the dark attribute magic from the people.

Let's return to the parent and child.

"So Seiya also has a dark attribute"

"Dad?"

Seeing this magic circle the father-like person makes a "the time has finally come" face. The child was looking at his father with shining eyes.

"Seiya. Do not use this purple magic circle except in front of daddy"

"Why?"

"Because those who use the purple magic circle do not have any friends. You don't want Rona-chan to disappear right?"

"I don't want to~"

"Then promise me not to use it, Seiya"

"Yup! I promise"

The boy responds in good spirits and embraces the father, and his father also embraces the boy with a gentle smile.

"We should go home. Mom is waiting for us"

"Yes!"

The father placed him on his shoulders and left the forest to go home.

As they enter the residential area, there are small but stylish houses here, and the two people enter one of them.

When the parent and child arrived home, a beautiful blonde woman came out from inside the house.

"Mom!"

"Welcome back Seiya, dear"

"I'm home, Mom!"

The child smiles and runs to his mother.

"Aye, I'm home ..."

A woman called mom has beautiful blond hair stretching to her hips, a bright blue eyes and is incredibly pretty.

When a child approaches, the mother holds him gently in embrace and shows a smile to her husband.

The child was smiling while being held by his mother.

But mother who realized that her husband's face is not that bright, asked him gently.

"What's wrong, dear?"

"Seiya has materialized the magic circle of dark attribute"

"I see....the time has come"

Mother's expression gets cloudy in a blink of an eye. But this was not the end of my father's words.

"Yeah, I think he will soon be able to create a light magic circle too"

"I agree.....end eventually he....."

"Mom?"

"Everything is fine, Seiya"

Father faced his wife with a resolved face and his wife nodded to his husband in response.

"Just five more years....."

"Yes, darling. After that Seiya will have to work hard....."

The next moment his mother started crying.

"Mom?"

All children are worry warts.

"I'm sorry, Seiya. I'm sorry"

"Seiya. From tomorrow onwards you will study magic under your father. You need to make sure to master your purple magic"

"Yup!"

The mother embraced her child carefully, and his father also embraced them.

Here, Seiya's consciousness is released from the deep darkness.

(I.....remember..... they aremy parents)

(So you remembered. That is your power)

(And who the hell are you?)

Seiya asked the owner of the voice. But he didn't get the answer.

(I'm your memory, I'm you. So use my power to your heart's content)

Saying this the darkness recedes. Until the end Seiya didn't uncover the voice's identity, but it wasn't the enemy.

(I see. Thank you for returning memory)

Seiya thanks the mysterious voice that returned his memory.

He slowly wakes up.

Watching Seiya waking up, the man in the white coat says "What happened!?"

My anesthesia didn't work? "but Seiya didn't care.

"『Dark Wave』"

The moment Seiya muttered that, a purple wave was emitted from him and erased the restraints binding him.

The man in white seeing this incomprehensible scenery screamed on top of his lungs.

"Bastard, what did you do? What is this? I have never heard of such a thing. Who the hell are you? "

The white coat lost his previous composure, his pathetic figure completely exposed.

But it was impossible. A white-robed man was a researcher and had a considerable confidence in his knowledge, but the magic used by Seiya was a first for him.

The man was proud of his magical knowledge, but faced with an unknown spell he lost his cool.

The spell used by Seiya originally does not exist in the Leiria Kingdom and even its name is concealed by the church, so it is natural that he does not know.

Seiya disregards the white robe and continues.

There was no killing intent for a white robe or a grudge against this unreasonable world. There was only the power.

At that time, Seiya had already lost interest in the white robe and the world.

"『Dark Tremor』"

Immediately after the words of Seiya, one big wave started spreading out in all directions with him as the center.

Everything that touches that wave is getting extinguished, like it never existed.

The humans disappeared, and the man in the white coat did not even leave body behind, it vanished in an instant without a trace.

There is a flat ground all around Seiya, if someone said that there were facilities here no one would believe him.

It is a dark territory around, he didn't know what happened to Zach's trio, but Seiya didn't care anymore. (TN: Please care, I get bad vibes)

Looking around Seiya muttered in small voice.

"So this is a magic of dark attribute"

Dark attribute. It is magic that exists in the Great Dakuria Empire, its special

effect is 『annihilation』. It is magic that can make everything disappear, a magic contrasting to the light attribute.

While looking up at the sky, he notices the change in his thinking pattern.

Until I awakened, I avoided every conflict, I wanted to find a peaceful solution, but now it is different.

If something stands in my way, I can just destroy it. If someone doesn't bother me then I won't bother them either.

He felt as if he quit being a human. Seiya did not know whether he was still considered as such.

Seiya's heart was almost dead at this time.

He didn't know what to do from now on. He couldn't think of anything he should or wanted to do.

"Hmm?"

At such time, Seiya noticed a fainted girl lying face down on the ground.

Chapter 12: Yua

Seiya found a girl lying down in front of him, but he did not think she was still alive.

Because the spell that Seiya casted earlier is a spell to extinguish all things other than the user, the fact that this girl's body remains is close to a miracle.

What can be thought of as the reason for that is that the girl defended herself with light magic, but in the end could not overcome the power of Seiya's『Dark Tremor』, leaving only the body intact.

The dark attribute and the light attribute are attributes that are mutually good and bad against each other

In the end winner is decided by the power of the spell itself, and the『Dark Tremor』casted by Seiya didn't lack in power.

The『Dark Tremor』is a powerful spell classified high-level spell of dark attribute, but few magicians use this spell.

Because『Dark Tremor』is a spell which annihilates everything in the surroundings indiscriminately at the price of all of the magician's magical power, it's mostly used for suicide bombing.

At the same time, the spell used by Seiya in the beginning『Dark Wave』is an elementary spell and it is a basics of the basics of the dark attribute.

It is a spell that will eliminate only the object that the magician wishes to destroy, and the greatest feature is a possibility to destroy the chant.

Among the magicians who use the dark attribute, high level magicians while casting complex spells, use 『Dark Wave』 at precise timing, doing so they can eliminate the chant of that spell.

This is a theoretical chant omission. And this was the reason why Seiya was able to cast『Dark Tremor』 without a chant earlier.

However, when a low-level magician attempts to do the same, the timing may not match, and the spell that he/she intends to manifest is getting extinguished itself.

From this Seiya's level could be seen.

It was at this time.

"What?"

Seiya was surprised at the fact that a girl who seemed to have already taken her last breath started moving, right before his eyes.

"Just what is happening....."

Seiya approaches the girl since he was interested about the way the girl survived after receiving the『Dark Tremor』with full force.

But Seiya's movement contained a lot of wariness against the girl. As long as he doesn't know her identity, he doesn't dare to leave an opening.

Being ready to cast at any time, he talked to the girl.

"Hey, are you in one piece?"

"....."

"Hey, are you in one piece?"

"Mm....."

The girl opens her eyes hearing Seiya.

For the moment he felt relieved and then carefully examined her with his eyes.

The girl stretched her slender white limbs, she had beautiful red eyes that fascinate the viewer, beautiful shiny white hair and neat face. Calling her extremely beautiful won't be a flattery.

But even facing an absolutely beautiful girl, Seiya was still on high alert. Then the girl said her first words.

".....Who?"

The was very clear and beautiful voice.

Seiya tells his name to her.

"Me? I am Seiya, Kiritsuna Seiya. And you are? "

When Seiya names himself, the girl also follows suit in a small voice.

"Yua.....Yua Arunia"

"Yua then. Are you hurt somewhere? "(TN: I though you discarded humanity. Oh well)

Seiya immediately tries to confirm her body condition.

Seiya is not a battle maniac, nor does he finds pleasure in slaughter.

He thought it is better for people to live then to die, and he didn't want to kill to many people too. That's why he was worried about Yua.

"I'm fine....."

"I see, that is good"

Listening to her words, Seiya rests assured. But he is still wary against Yua.

Because to many strange things are related to her.

If she can resist his power, they how did they caught her in the first place?

Besides, if she is that powerful she could have escaped the range of the spell easily.

So, seeking answers Seiya asks the girl.

"Why were you captured here?"

"I was careless they approached from the back and drugged me, when I noticed, I was already trapped ... and then everything disappeared"

She said that she is a 16 years old magician living in Aquaristan, a student of the second year in the magic academy, and was kidnapped on the way back from the school.

Listening to her explanation, Seiya was amazed. He was neither being sneak attacked nor drugged by medicine.

Yua is sixteen and she is of the school year as Seiya.

Her appearance is that of a beautiful girl, but she gives off the impression of a trainee. It is hard to guess that she is sixteen on the first look.

Such Yua is staring at Seiya right now.

Her beautiful red eyes make her expressionless face somewhat mysterious, Seiya felt uncomfortable looking at them.

"What is it? You are staring too much"

"Seiya is seventeenso you are my older brother"

"Well, that's right. Although we are in the same year"

Hearing that Seiya's wariness against her disappeared, rather the girl became interested.

But the girl named Yua was an unimaginable existence to Seiya.

"That's why, walk me home....."

"-----What?"

What did she say?..... Seiya could not understand it at all.

"Walk me home....."

"Wait a little. Why is this happening? If you are a magician, you can go home alone. We are even of the same grade. Although I'm older"

To her request that disregards common sense, Seiya did not know what to say.

But, Yua proceeds with her explanation.

"The grade is the same but older brother is older brother ... Seiya is seventeen years old I am sixteen years old ... Seiya is older brother. Besides it is impossible alone....."

Seiya blanched at such an answer. Using logic, he couldn't understand Yua

asked him to walk her home.

No matter how much of a girl you are, there is a way to return to Aquaristan from the Freestan, which is close by.

If you go to church you will be able to do finish the procedures, and as soon as you arrive at Aquaristan you are as good as home. Yet, she said she could not do it for some reason.

With no other choice, Seiya asked her himself.

"Why me?"

"Because of the Great Dalis Canyon"

"What?"

This time Seiya's brain mouth gave up on him, he couldn't understand her at all.

Thinking about her words, it is hard to understand the whole picture.

"Great Dalis Canyon. Is it the place with lots of super strong magical beasts walking around?"

"Yes....."

She answered with a spaced-out look on her face.

She suggested walking through the Great Dalis Canyon, den of powerful

monsters.

The Great Dalis Canyon is situated in between Freestan's and Aquaristan's borders and is known as a monster den.

Also, there is a rumor that Undine is living there, people refuse to approach that place.

The rumor says that people who went inside the canyon never came home, everyone in the Leiria Kingdom knows that

In the past, there were cases where some stupid magicians went searching for Undine, but they died after being chased by monsters in the Great Dalis Canyon, the monsters then proceeded to Freestan.

Seiya couldn't understand why is she going through the Great Dalis Canyon. What kind of reason can force you go inside on your own volition?

"Why, for god's sake! Can't you just return by common rout?"

"This is impossible I am not good with people I can't pass where there are many people.....I need to go through the Great Dalis Canyon, where no one isso escort me, Seiya....."

Seiya is stunned and doesn't know how to respond.

To summarize, she is saying that she wants to pass through the Great Dalis Canyon, where there are no people, because she is not good with crowds. Even though there are strong monsters in the Great Dalis Canyon.

"No, THIS is impossible"

Naturally, Seiya does not want to go with that proposal. Although he managed to survive somehow, he didn't want to commit suicide yet.

But at this point Seiya thought.

"Hey, if I come with you to Freestan will that be fine?"

If you can't do it alone, let's do it together. However, Seiya still could not comprehend the person called Yua.

"No ... if we arrive at Freestan Seiya might disappear So I will go to the Great Dalis Canyon... it is already decided ... Seiya, escort me ..."

Yua dared to pass through the Great Dalis Canyon. How much does she hates crowds to the extent of trying to pass through the infamous Great Dalis Canyon by herself.

Again, doubts sprouted in the mind of Seiya.

Like Seiya was on guard against Yua, Yua also does not trust Seiya from the bottom of her heart.

Yua has a secret. If the secret is known to Seiya, she can't predict his reaction.

That is why she chose to pass through the Great Dalis Canyon.

Whatever she thinks inside her head, Seiya doesn't understand. It is a suicide to go through the Great Dalis Canyon with a strange girl around.

"Wait a little, I won't run anywhere, I will properly walk you home. Let's go to Freestan, please consider it"

"I don't believe you.....besides, going through the Great Dalis Canyon is also for your sake....."

"Mm?....."

Listening to her words, Seiya's expression changed in a blink of an eye.

"For my sake?"

"Yeah.....if people discover your dark attribute you will be in trouble....."

"Why do you know about the dark attribute?"

The atmosphere around Seiya changed drastically.

Why does she know about the existence of the dark attribute? The existence of the dark attribute is a very confidential matter, only some people in the church and powerful clans are aware.

Seiya's first thought was that she is the spy from Dakuria, but he quickly dismissed that thought.

If you are saying that she is a spy from Dakuria, then you are probably an

idiot.

Her character is not suitable for spying. Dakurian spy should be more competent than this.

When Seiya contemplates such a thing, Yua explains why she knows of the dark attribute.

"I heard from my father But it's the first time seeing the real thing...."

"Who is your father?"

"An amazing person ..."

Seiya mulls over her story. Yua's father knows the existence of the dark attribute. That may mean that he knows about the relationship between Leiria and Dakuria more than Seiya himself.

Or perhaps he just can't remember it.

Actually, Seiya has not regained all of his memory yet. A while ago he got back his memory up to eight years old, but could not remember the memory from eight to ten years old yet.

Certainly, Seiya's darkness attribute is dangerous if it is known. He may be attacked by many magicians the moment he enters the Leiria Kingdom.

If that happens, his life is over.

Also, he is interested in Yua's father. He knows of the existence of the dark attribute. Just who is her father?

The dark attribute is the biggest concern for Seiya. If he returns to Windistan but ends up revealing himself, he can't predict the consequences.

However, the risk of going with Yua is low, in Freestan there is a possibility that you can fail to enter the Leiria Kingdom safely.

The Great Dalis Canyon is indeed a dangerous place. But now Seiya has a strong power of dark attribute.

In some cases, weak but smart people are much more dangerous than powerful but simple monsters. In that case it would be better to go through the Great Dalis Canyon, relying on his own power.

Besides, if Yua betrays him it is okay to just erase her with the dark power.

That is why, Seiya decided to accompany her.

"All right, let's go through the Great Dalis Canyon"

"Thank you....."

In this way, they decided to go to the Great Dalis Canyon.

Chapter 13: Holy Attribute

Seiya and Yua who decided to head to the Great Dalis Canyon, faced two problems.

First, Seiya used up most of his mana due to 『Dark Tremor』, his remaining mana is close to zero.

Second, Seiya does not know their current location precisely, nor does he knows where the Great Dalis Canyon is.

When he told that to Yua, she said it was fine.

"Hey Yua, what do you mean "It's fine"?"

"I will restore your mana Great Dalis Canyon is there I saw the map in the laboratory ..."

"You will "restore" it Why did you even saw that map?"

"I was looking at the guard and he gave me the map, he said to look at it instead"

Ohh guard-san I understand your feelings. If someone constantly stares at you, this is creepy Seiya felt strange empathy with the guard, but he didn't know if his feelings reached him.

And Yua said she will restore his power, common sense tells Seiya that this is impossible.

Mana is the source of the magician's power; you can say it is his stamina.

Restoration requires eating, resting, sleeping and so on. It is said that only goddess went missing was capable of such a feat.

Yua silently cast her spell on Seiya, who is deep in thought.

"『Holy Flower』"

The next moment, the Seiya's body was wrapped in white light. At the same time, Seiya feels that mana steaming inside of him rapidly, his mana recovers in the blink of an eye.

"What was that, Yua? I have never heard of 『Holy Flower』spell. Was there such a spell in light magic? "

Seiya was surprised by the light attribute spell that doesn't exist in his memory. He believed that he failed in his studies somewhere. After all, preparing for the future he memorized all spells of light attribute he could.

That being said, Seiya had no idea of Yua's spell.

"It is not the spell of the light attribute it was a spell of holy attribute"

"For it to be a holy attribute....."

Hearing about holy attribute Seiya lost his words.

Because the holy attribute was the magical attribute used by the goddess from the church. Actually, the church of the Leiria Kingdom is also called Holy Church and its name was derived from the goddess.

The magic of the holy attribute is almost nonexistent nowadays. It was said that only one person in hundred years has a holy attribute, and this person becomes a new goddess.

If the Holy Church discovers Yua, she will soon become a new goddess and will be worshiped by people.

Holy attribute is just that important.

There are three kinds of magic. They are: basic magic, derived magic, compound magic.

All magic spells fall under one of these categories.

Basic magic refers to the magic of four attributes of fire, water, wind, light.

For example, spells such as 『Wall of Light』 and 『Fire Bullet』 fall under basic magic category, and dark attribute magic such as 『Dark Wave』 should belong there too.

Derived magic, as its name says, is magic derived from basic attributes.

Specifically, ice attribute and flame attribute are easy to understand. The ice

attribute is the magic derived from the water attribute and the flame attribute is the magic derived from the fire attribute.

There is also a special effect in the derived magic attribute, but its special effect carried over from the attribute before derivation.

In other words, for the ice attribute it is『calm』and for the flame attribute it is『activation』. Of course there are exceptions, but that is how it usually works.

Composite magic is a magic that combines multiple spells at the same time, the example is Seiya's『Dark Tremor』with no chant.

Although the details are slightly different, it can be said that Seiya's previous spell is a composite spell consisting of『Dark Tremor』and『Dark Wave』.

But the holy attribute used by Yua was an exception, standard classification doesn't apply to it.

Holy magic is considered a top class derived magic of the light attribute in terms of classification, but magicians who use light attribute magic will never become able to use holy attribute magic.

In other words, the holy attribute is a light attribute but at the same time it's not.

Of course, the holy attribute magic also has a special effect, its name is『creation』. (TN: Not so sure about that. Might change in the future)

It is close to the word generation. The magic of holy attribute is a special magic that can generate weapons and mana from nothing.

In fact, Yua defended from Seiya's attack, not by the power of the light attribute. The dark power was simply destroyed on contact with holy power.

Dark attribute is classified as a basic magic, and holy attribute is classified as derived magic. If basic magic is compared to derived magic, derived magic is more powerful, they couldn't compete since the beginning.

It is said that the goddess of the Holy Church was able to restore the mana using holy magic and light magic at the same time, resulting in light speed recovery.

Seiya's mana was completely recovered by Yua.

"It is awesome, Yua"

"With this Seiya can go to the Great Dalis Canyon....."

"Do not be like that. By the way, why can you use the holy attribute? It might be useless to ask though"

"I could use it since the past... I do not know the reason ..."

"I see"

The fact that church is not aware of her existence could probably be related to her father's protection, thought Seiya. Who the hell is her father?

"Seiya, let's go. Quickly....."

Yua pulls Seiya by the hand.

"All right"

At this time Seiya thought, what if her mother is the previous goddess.

It is understandable if the goddess' daughter can use holy attribute magic. And if her father is the member of the Holy Church, it will explain his knowledge of the dark attribute.

Given the time when the goddess disappeared and the Yua's age, you cannot reject this theory. At the same time, the father who can hide it is frightening.

While thinking about such things, Seiya and Yua headed for the Great Dalis Canyon.

Chapter 14: To The Great Dalis Canyon

"Seiya....."

A beautiful red-eyed girl, calls on Seiya while pointing to the front. Seiya looked towards the direction of her finger and noticed something.

In this direction was a large horde of animals resembling cattle. And the horde was approaching at the high speed towards them.

Their number was about 3000.

"Magical beasts again"

"It seems so....."

"Seiya...what shall we do?"

"I'll deal with them"

Seiya starts manipulating mana inside his body while lifting his right hand towards the horde of beasts. Yua does not do anything and just watching Seiya with a relieved face.

"『Dark Wave 』"

Immediately after Seiya said the name of the spell, horde of close to 3000 beasts that was approaching at a high speed toward the two of them disappeared in a flash.

Seeing this Yua said.

"After all, dark attribute sure is convenient"

"Sure enough. That what you should expect from the power of heretics" (TN: Congratulations. You just read the prologue again)

Seiya and Yua were trying to go straight to the Great Dalis Canyon, but monsters and large mountains got in the way.

Having no other choice, Seiya destroyed every one of them.

By restoring Seiya's mana consumed by the 『Dark Wave』 using 『Holy Flower』, they headed to the Great Dalis Canyon in an extremely swift manner.

In the surroundings of the facility captives were held, there were rocks and dead trees.

But there were no obstacles on their road now, they all disappeared from the 『Dark Wave』.

Proceeding as such, they finally reached a green forest.

This lush forest, located in the dark territory and surrounded by rocks looked like an oasis in the vast desert.

The two raised their guard and entered the forest, then they encountered

something.

They saw a bipedal monster with the head of a boar and body of a bear.

And this bipedal boar-bear was not alone.

Their numbers roughly exceeded 100, and the scene of 100 monsters with such bad head and body balance was really strange.

More than 100 monsters turned their sharp nails towards the Seiya and Yua, their appearance was quite intimidating.

According to the research of the church they can be described as such.

Species: Boad

Danger: ★★★★

Description: Average magician isn't able to defeat them. Often move in a group. You should escape as soon as you encounter it. Their speed is not so great; escape is most likely possible.

Although it was documented, Seiya and Yua couldn't possibly know the research materials of the church, so they didn't know the name of the monster.

Normally, this information can only be seen by senior magicians who are going to subjugate magical beasts in the dark territory, but Seiya, who was the lowest of the beginner magician until a while ago, does not know.

Judging from Yua's face she is not aware either.

"Their balance sure is bad"

"Creepy....."

Since they do not know the details of boads, they could only recognize it as another magical beast.

A group of boads engaged Seiya and Yua as soon as they saw them.

Seiya immediately fires『Dark Wave』towards the group of boads. This should have made them disappear in a second. However, this doesn't happen to a group of boads.

"Hey, this can't be happening"

While watching the boad's uninjured appearance, although surprised, Seiya immediately casts a new spell.

"How about this 『Dark Wind』"

The magic exercised by Seiya is the dark attribute beginner magic 『Dark Wind』, it is not targeted at extinguishing opponent, but slashing him

This spell is supposed to have a high offensive power and it should have sliced the boad in half. But once again the spell does not work against boads.

"Crap.....that is a problem"

"What should we do, Seiya?"

"It is dangerous. My magic does not work"

Seiya is nervous fighting against boids with their magic immunity.

He tried to remember what he learned at the Senabia Magic Academy's lectures, but since there were few lessons about the dark territory, he couldn't think of anything useful.

At that time, Yua makes a relieved face as if she remembered something.

"Seiya maybe they have magic resistance dad said before if you meet some weirdos with magic resistance weapons will work just fine....."

"I see. It is worth trying"

Seiya believed Yua's words and decides to try it.

Seiya thinks that her father is a figure of the church and his position is quite high. So the credibility of information should be high too.

Seiya immediately summons Hollins, his trusted weapon. Because of a『Dark Wave』, chant is not necessary, Hollins was immediately summoned in the hands of Seiya.

Meanwhile, boids are trying to quietly surround them.

There are many trees in the forest, but fortunately the boids are so big that you cannot lose sight of them.

When Seiya takes a stance, boids moved.

Two boids are thrusting towards Seiya, but he also runs to the boids and thrusts, he pours the power of light attribute onto his feet.

And as he took the first step, he accelerated and stabbed Hollins into the sides of the two boids.

Boids were unable to respond to the rapid acceleration and end up getting hit.

The accelerated with a spell『Mantle of Light』, which partially activated『Single Light』.

"Nice!"

Confirming that Hollins stabbed into the boids, Seiya pours mana of the dark attribute into Hollins.

If it is useless from the outside, how about from the inside?

Two boids, who had the dark attribute mana injected into their body, had their intestines disappear, leaving only fur behind.

Boads, who saw them disappear leaving only fur left, became agitated. Fear of the boy in front of them mixed with anger from having their comrades killed.

"Apparently, magic seems to work from the inside of their bodies. Only the outside is protected"

"I understand....."

Yua hearing his words casts a spell.

"『Holy Maiden』Yuriel"

Immediately after saying the spell's name, rapier appears in her right hand.

The spell she used is holy attribute beginner spell 『Holy Maiden』, it creates a rapier utilizing the special effect of the holy attribute『creation』.

The rapier created by Yua is one of her favorite weapons, its name is Yuriel.

Yua stabs the bellies of the three boads with Yuriel and immediately pulls out.

Of course they won't die from such a small wound, they tried to hit her using their claws.

Regretfully, they couldn't even touch her.

Just before their claws were about to land on her, they exploded from the inside and became a meat paste. Although the blood splashed in all directions,

Yua avoids it by deploying a light attribute intermediate spell 『Wall of Light』 and remains unstained.

"Are you kidding me....."

Seiya has a bitter smile on his face after seeing her attack. He has read about a similar attacking method in a book once.

Among the magicians who use the fire attribute, it is a technique used by especially high-level magicians, it is a technique that detonates the body by pouring the mana of the fire attribute inside the opponent's body.

The body can't hold against the pressure created from this spell and explodes. And the victim becomes a minced meat.

Yua's way of attacking is similar to that attack method, but there were no signs of using fire attribute. The magical attribute used by Yua is a light attribute, and it shouldn't be possible with the light attribute alone.

But Yua did it right in front of his eyes.

So how did she do it? She pushed the magical power of the light attribute in boad's body, and raised its power.

The special effect of the light attribute is『rising』, which has the effect of improving the object. Yua activated『rising』on the whole body of boad.

Originally it should be strengthened, but boad's fur is resistant to magic and

will not improve.

When inflating the balloon, if the endurance of its material is not enough, balloon will just explode from the excessive air. It is the same principle here.

Boad's fur, whose durability has not increased, couldn't bear the pressure of the raised body and exploded.

This technique is probably possible only for those who have the holy attribute. For an average magician it is impossible to raise the capabilities of the body that is not his.

Although it is grotesque, her appearance while strengthening others resembles a goddess from the church.

On the other hand, all boads were shivering.

In one moment one's body is stabbed, as his inside disappeared, leaving only fur behind. In the next moment the other one is stabbed and explodes.

Ordinary animals would flee if they are at disadvantage, but boads had their pride and refused to yield.

Driven by their cheap pride they pounce on Seiya and Yua.

Seiya pierces Hollins into the closest one, pushes the mana of the dark attribute inside him, and goes for the next prey.

Right after confirming the death of the boad, he immediately stabs the next one.

Yua also pierces one boad after another with Yuriel. The moment boad is stabbed he explodes from within in the rain of blood.

Yua does not mind whether boad will become a meat block, and will steadily pierce Yuriel sticking to the next prey rapidly.

Before they noticed the massacre was over.

The corpses of boads with only their fur intact and the bunch of meat lumps littered the ground around them.

Because the number of furs and meat lumps are roughly the same, they seemed to have killed roughly the same amount of them.

After that, Seiya and Yua passed through the forest without any troubles, and caught their target, the Great Dalis Canyon.

The bottom of the Great Dalis Canyon is so deep it couldn't be seen.

From where they stood, Seiya threw a stone inside, trying to hear a sound of it hitting the bottom, but he didn't hear anything.

"Hey, Yua. What should we do now? Do not tell me we need to jump? "

Just plunging ahead seemed rather stupid, so he confirmed first.

"Can you fly, Seiya?"

"What?"

"I said, can you fly?"

"No, no, no. Do you think people can fly? "

Seiya was confused, but Yua seemed to understand his answer in her own way. Seiya noticed it and tried to stop her.

"There is no way....."

"Then I guess we have to jump....."

"Huh?....."

Yua's logic is a method of elimination.

People cannot fly. Then you have no choice but to jump.

Using this simple logic there is no need to search for complex solutions.

Yua gently holds Seiya by the hand.

However, for some reason he couldn't resist her grab, and in the next moment Seiya felt his spine freezing.

"Well then ... let's go ..."

"Stop, please waaaaaaaaaaaaaa"

In the next moment, Yua jumps into the great canyon while pulling Seiya by the hand. Their figures disappear in the darkness.

Chapter 15: Great Dalis Canyon, The Beginning

Impenetrable darkness — This was the only thing they could see.

Here, without any light, Seiya and Yua entrusted themself to the wind.

The air resistance hitting their faces is intense. It shows that they are falling vertically with tremendous speed.

"Hey, Yua-san?"

"What....?"

Seiya called the girl who held his hand firmly. His facial expression was as blue as it can get.

But it is no wonder he would turn blue. I was three minutes of free fall already, but no ground could be seen.

The only thing he can see is Yua's hand, firmly grabbing his own. Other than that he couldn't see anything in this darkness.

In addition to that, the air hitting his face gets increasingly stronger.

Proceeding as it is they most likely fall to the ground and lose they lives, he

could easily imagine such development.

"What are we going to do?"

Or to be precise, how do we get out of this situation.

Unfortunately, Seiya has no solution. Rather than that, there are probably no such magicians that can get unscathed.

It was good that they had not fallen to the ground yet. If their falling speed was slow, Seiya could have used『Mantle of Light』, then used the wall to kill the momentum and safely land.

But in the current situation, even if they have Seiya's『Mantle of Light』, they can't do anything.

So he ended up asking for Yua's advice.

"No problem....."

Yua superficially answered. Although he couldn't see her expression, he could tell from her voice that she is calm.

But when he was told that it was okay in the current situation, if you asked Seiya if he believed her, the answer would be no.

For Seiya who just met her, it is difficult to trust her to the extent of throwing

your life away. Even if her father is an executive in the church and she is the daughter the goddess, you can't trust people that easily.

So Seiya says.

"Is it true?"

You can understand from this words that he didn't trust Yua.

But Yua won't be hurt from such words. Because deep down she thinks of using Seiya to only pass through the canyon.

I do not need his trust. If he uses his power for my sake that is enough. Yua thought as such.

That is why, Yua says nothing in return, just concentrates on things to come.

"We arrived....."

"What?"

Yua muttered something, but Seiya couldn't hear anything due to wind.

Ignoring Seiya, Yua exercised a spell into the darkness.

"『Holy Creation』"

Seiya understood that she casted a spell and created something. But looking around there was nothing. For a moment he thought that her spell had failed, but suddenly the ground appeared in his line of sight.

"!?"

Seiya was startled and tried to cast something, but the body of Seiya and Yua already touched the ground the moment he thought so.

(Danger!)

He braced himself for impact, however the expected shock didn't happen. He landed on the ground gently.

Boyun, a strange feeling enveloped Seiya. (TN: Is this it!?)

"What!?"

The feeling of being enveloped in something soft caused him to leak a weird voice.

Seiya understood that it was absolutely not an impact you expect from smacking into the ground, it took some time for him to understand what happened.

"Success....."

Yua flashed a pleased smile to Seiya. He looked at his surroundings and it dawned upon him.

"Could it be, you created a cushion?"(TN: False alarm)

"Yes....."

Yua answered without any expression.

As you have guessed, they were protected from the collision by a very big pillow.

Yua's cushion was about 20 wide and 8 meters height, it was this high-performance cushion that slowed their bodies that were falling for more than three minutes easily.

Seiya couldn't hide his surprise.

He could admit that this was rather unconventional usage of the holy attribute, and he was also surprised at her rough methods.

However, it was true that they landed safely, so he thanked her.

"Tnaks, Yua"

"Yes....."

Yua answers while looking at Seiya. Her eyes still do not contain trust, and it seems that there is still a distance between them.

The same could be said about Seiya, as if there was still something like a wall between them.

However, their cooperation plays an indispensable role in trying pass through the Great Dalis Canyon, both of them know that, they have no choice but to stick together.

"That being said, it's dark here"

"Yes....."

The place where they stands now there is a single way to go, about 10 meters wide, surrounded by cliffs on the left and right side.

The light coming from the ground provides a visibility in a 5 meter radius.

This is all too dangerous.

When Seiya thinks so, followed by Yua's voice the light suddenly appears.

"『Firelight』"

Fire attribute beginner spell『Firelight』, as its name suggests, is a spell that lights a fire. Thanks to Yua's 『Firelight』, they can see up to 20 meters ahead.

"Well then, let's go further"

"Yes.....Aquaristan is this way....."

Seiya follows Yua further down the road.

After a while since the two of them started walking, they suddenly stopped. Facing the front Seiya said.

"We are being followed"

"Yeah.....quite a lot of them....."

Yua also seemed to know what Seiya was saying, she answered while still looking in front of her.

"What should we do?"

"Can't help it....."

"I agree"

Confirming their intentions, they simultaneously turned back.

"This is....."

"Come on now....."

When two people turned around, there were countless small red dots around. They were convinced that those dots are eyes of small monsters.

The number of monsters, judging by the number of eyes, is in hundreds. Also, since those red dots are able to move vertically you can suggest that they are of the insect or bird type.

Either way, as long as it is a magical beast, it is the enemy.

"I will deal with them. I leave the light to you"

"All right....."

Seiya asks her to secure the light source, and steps ahead. Usually he summons his trusted Hollins, but this time is different.

Yua was watching Seiya, but did not feel like doing anything. For Seiya who can use the dark attribute, her help is unneeded.

Yua didn't trust Seiya, but she trusted his ability.

That is why Yua was not willing to help Seiya. All she did was to spread the range of『Firelight』to widen his field of vision, so that at least it was easier for him.

With increase of the range and brightness, he finally found out the identity of the red eyes.

"Bats"

As he said, there were more than 100 red-eyed bats. They were watching Seiya while flapping their wings.

The bats flying in front of Seiya are obviously magical beasts.

They disturb their opponent by ultrasonic waves emitted from their mouth, making it impossible to use magic. Moreover, it is impossible for humans to avoid ultrasonic waves emitted from bats, and they can not feel them either.

They will seal you magic before you even notice.

"Huh?....."

Suddenly, Yua's『Firelight』disappeared.

But Yua couldn't understand why her spell has vanished. Besides that, her eyes were also spinning.

Ultrasonic waves were emitted from the bat, and disturbed her sight and spell. (TN: Is there a scientist here? Is this how it works?)

That's why these monsters were feared.

"What happened?"

"Uwa, em....."

Being worried about Seiya, Yua produced an incomprehensible answer, she tried to but words just didn't come out right.

Looking at her state, Seiya more or less understood the situation.

"Maybe it is monsters fault"

Although Seiya was fine, there was a strange change in Yua, he guessed that it was some kind of attack from the bats.

If you are being attacked, as a matter of course you should counterattack.

Even while being in the darkness, he lifts his right hand using red dots as a beacon.

And casts a spell using more mana than usual.

"『Dark Wave』"

In the next moment, the eyes that were shining in the darkness disappeared. As soon as ultrasonic waves disappeared, Yua's『Firelight』appeared again but there was nothing around anymore.

"Are you okay?"

"Yup....."

Seeing his power, Yua confirmed his usefulness for herself again.

Chapter 16: Magical Beasts Of The Great Dalis Canyon ①

Gigi Gigi

The bizarre sound emitted from the front resonates in the canyon and enters the ears of the duo.

"Gross....."

"That's right"

A new monster appeared in front of them. That monster resembled a centipede with countless hands and feet.

Just looking at it feels extremely unpleasant, not to mention its size.

It has a gigantic body, longer than 30 meters.

The sight of this centipede, gifted with a body exceeding 30 meters, walking around was nothing but grotesque.

A magical beast that can not be accepted physiologically by any human.

Such a monster was blocking Seiya's way.

This problem occurred soon after he disposed of the bats a moment before.

First of all, it has surprisingly large body, but the most impressive thing is that this huge centipede appeared in a rather peculiar way.

A few minutes ago, continuing on their path through the Great Dalis Canyon, they heard a bizarre roar from overhead, then Seiya and Yua directed their eyes above.

There they saw a mysterious gigantic something falling down at high speed.

As they visually recognized the falling object, they immediately took a distance from. And a few seconds later, the 30 meters centipede appeared in front of duo.

And that's how they arrived to present circumstances.

"So, what now?"

He asks Yua, looking at the centipede. Although he asked that, he had guessed the answer already.

"Seiya.....I'm counting on you....."

Yua said that she leaves it to him. And Seiya had no objections.

Yua's magic is basically of a light attribute.

To elaborate, if she fights the centipede, she might explode it from the inside by the force of habit.

He already understood from the fight with boards that it might just happen.

However, neither Seiya nor Yua wants to see the scene of that huge centipede in front of them exploding.

In the end, making it disappear with the power of the dark attribute is the best solution.

"All right"

Seiya looks at the centipede, lifts his right hand and deploys the magic circle.

However, the spell used by Seiya this time is not a『Dark Wave』.

Because of the size of the centipede's body he couldn't guarantee that he will be able to destroy the whole centipede in one strike. If only the half of the centipede will remain, it could possibly squirm its internal organs.

Nobody wants to see this spectacle.

That's why Seiya chose a different spell.

"『Dark Sphere』"

When Seiya mutters the name of the spell, a large purple ball appears above the head of the centipede.

It is a gigantic sphere formed by Seiya's dark attribute mana. This sphere is about 7 meters in diameter.

The centipede fires a poisonous needle from its mouth towards the sphere, but the sphere swallows this poisonous needle.

"It is the end"

Seiya swept down with his right arm with a ruthless look on his face.

Then, a gigantic sphere formed by the mana of the dark attribute begins to descend towards the centipede as if it follows the movement of Seiya's hand.

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The centipede tried to spray poisonous gas and the like towards a giant sphere, but it has no effect at all.

And in the meantime a huge sphere swallowed the gigantic centipede as it descended to the ground.

This sight closely resembled the black hole

"Amazing, Seiya....."

Yua, who was helpless against the centipede thinks that he is amazing from the bottom of her heart.

Although they struggled with boards at first, after that their journey was going smoothly, no, if was effortless. This was possible thanks to Seiya's dark attribute.

Yua thought that she can easily return to Aquaristan. At the same time, she thought how lucky she was.

Capable of annihilating hordes of magical beasts with overwhelming power, Seiya was incredibly convenient.

(After all.....convenient.....)

Yua was busy thinking. Meanwhile, Seiya, who does not know a thing, proposes to go forward.

"Let's proceed"

"Yup....."

For the sake of conquering the Great Dalis Canyon, the duo continued walking forward.

Chapter 17: Magical Beasts Of The Great Dalis Canyon ②

Defeating the centipede and going ahead, they noticed a light source ahead.

The light ahead of them was different from Yua's 『Firelight』.

"Light....."

"Yeah"

Thinking that they might have reached the surface, their legs steps sped up naturally.

Seiya and Yua reached the light very quickly.

"This is not the surface"

"Yes.....but it is beautiful....."

"I agree"

Unfortunately it was not the surface spreading ahead of the duo. However, rather than getting upset, they marveled at the beauty of this place.

In front of Seiya and Yua was a big lake.

They finally found an open space after all the walking. The sight of the lake could be said to be very mysterious.

"But there is no road"

Indeed, as Seiya said, it was a big lake that spreads out far ahead. He couldn't find the way ahead.

In other words, the road has ended.

"What should we do?"

Seiya asks Yua what to do. So far Yua was leading their small party, it became natural for Seiya to ask her.

The answer to his question was very simple.

"There is no choice but to cross over the lake"

"As I expected. Then, is our goal the land ahead?"

"Yup....."

Seiya points to the faintly visible plot of land in the deepest part of the lake.

It is about 500 meters in a straight line from the place where they were standing to the land located in the deepest part of the lake. It is tough to swim all the way to the land, if there was a small boat it would have been much easier.

There is no such thing as a small boat in the Great Dalis Canyon. But Seiya's partner is a magician who can make impossible possible.

Before crossing the lake, they decided to have a breakfast.

"Yua, can I ask you for a boat?"

"Yes....."

She immediately created a small wooden boat with the『Holy Creation』spell of the holy attribute. Then she threw that boat into the lake to float.

"Well then, let's go"

"Yes....."

It happened at the moment Seiya tried to jump onto the small boat floating in water and head to the land 500 meters ahead. A large wave, which appeared out of nowhere, turned over the boat.

"What happened!?"(TN: Your boat turned over, do not thank me)

Seiya halted his movements and retreated a step. Same goes for Yua, she too took a step back.

buzz

The sound of the waves resonated across the lake. Immediately afterwards, a

buzzy sound came out from the water, and the source of the sound appeared.

"This is?!"

"So big....." (TN: That's what she said)

A huge sea dragon stood up from within the lake and revealed his appearance to the duo.

Although this sea dragon couldn't be seen in its entirety, it was big enough to make the centipede look rather harmless. Moreover, its whole body was covered with hard scales, and it radiated a considerable pressure.

Clearly, it is not your average magical beast.

"Hey, tell me I'm seeing things"

"I can't believe it....."

They suddenly lost their words, being stared at by this monstrosity.

But the monster was not kind enough to let them regain their bearing.

Locking on the duo, it constructs a large magic circle on its mouth and fires off his spell towards them.

Goooooooo

A water cannon shot out from a magic circle deployed by a sea dragon with a

big shout that could rupture your ears. Its power was no joke, and if they take a hit, they will probably depart straight to the afterlife.

"Crap,『Dark Wave』"

Seiya casted the『Dark Wave』at its full force towards the attack , which this sea dragon unleashed. There was absolute no leeway for him..

The『Dark Wave』casted by Seiya struggled with the water ball for a moment but somehow succeeded in destroying it.

But monster's attack doesn't end here.

It created the magic circle again and repeated the same attack.

"『Dark Wave』"

Just like before, Seiya fought back with the『Dark Wave』against the attack of the sea dragon, and again after a brief stalemate the water ball was destroyed.

Both attacks of the sea dragon had considerable power, they were difficult to extinguish even with Seiya's dark power.

Although it attacked only twice, Saiya's mana was depleted considerably.

However, the monster did not take into consideration his condition and began its third attack.

Moreover, the magic circle this time is quite big, unlike the previous one, it is doubled in size.

"Are you kidding me? This is just outrageous"

"Leave this to me....."

Yua answered while summoning her weapon.

"Yurial....."

The weapon that Yua created was not a rapier, Yuriel. Its color was white as Yuriel, but it was not a rapier but a bow.

Yurial — It is a white bow, like Yuriel which is rapier, it is one of her favorite weapons.

Yua holds Yurial in her left hand, while holding the string with her right hand, it points at the sea dragon.

"Yua?!"

Seiya leaked a surprised voice seeing Yua holding Yurial. Because there was no arrow loaded in the bow.

"It's alright....."

The next moment, arrows made from the mana of light attribute were loaded into the bow.

Then Yua smiled a little bit, and let go of the Yurial's bowstring.

Yellow arrows, released from Yuriel, flew towards the sea dragon as if they were sucked in. But on the way, suddenly yellow arrows started to separate to become a rain of light arrows, pouring over the sea dragon.

Guaaaaa

The sea dragon exposed to the rain of the light arrow felt it, and the magic circle which he tried to construct shaked.

"Seiya.....now....."

"Leave it to me,『Dark Wave』"

Seiya immediately casted『Dark Wave』against the sea dragon whose attack was interrupted. However the target of the『Dark Wave』was not a sea dragon but the magic circle.

The magic circle that was present a moment ago disappeared without a trace.

Sea dragon failed to catch up with the situation, and created an opening.

Seiya, looking at such sea dragon tells Yua.

"Yua, stop his movements. I will take him down"

"All right"

As Yua said that, she immediately casted her next magic to seal off its movements.

"『Holy Hammer』"

Light attribute spell『Holy Hammer』 — It has “holy” in its name but it is a spell of the light attribute, not the holy attribute. It is considered advanced spell, few people can successfully cast it.

This spell is the spell that crushes everything by increasing the pressure in the area of effect. When used against humans, its killing potential is quite high, so its use is restricted by church and academies.

But even if you say that it is capable of killing humans, what she currently targets is a monster. It is also quite large, the durability of its body is much more than a human's body.

So it was impossible for her to squeeze the sea dragon under the『Holy Hammer』.

However, it was still easy to restrict its movements.

Yua became exhausted after restricting the sea dragon. She left the rest to Seiya.

"Hollins"

Confirming that Yua sealed the movement of sea dragon, Seiya summoned Hollins, his trusted weapon. And while holding Hollins he casted a new spell.

"『Mantle of Light』"

When spell's name was said, the yellow mana starts wrapping around Seiya's body. This spell was finally completed when Seiya regained his dark attribute.

Until now there was a danger of ruining the body, by mistakenly adjusting mana, but now it was different.

With the addition of the dark attribute, there was an option of decreasing the amount of mana. Using the dark attribute he erased the surplus of mana

If minus is added to the operation which had only plus and natural consumption, mana adjustment becomes much easier and security also increases. Right now, Seiya was able to exercise『Mantle of Light』with peace of mind.

Seiya, holding Hollins, launches himself in the air. He jumped with the pure leg strength and landed on the back of the sea dragon.

"Damn....."

Landing on the back of the sea dragon, pressure of the『Holy Hammer』strikes him, immediately Seiya extinguished the pressure exerted on himself using the

dark attribute.

And Seiya, who became free of constraint, put the mana of light attribute also the Hollins to raise its sharpness and durability. Holding it in both hands, he stabbed the back of the sea dragon

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Sea dragon screams from the pain caused by pressure and stab wound, but Seiya does not mind and pierces its back again.

Usually, he would have poured mana into the body of the sea dragon and erased his insides, but he couldn't do it so easily unless he knows what kind of constitution this monster had.

If sea dragon has an ability such as mana absorption, if Seiya pours the mana of the dark attribute, the situation will be reversed in a blink of an eye.

So Seiya decided to take his time and do it the safe way.

"『Triple Length』"

Seiya casted『Triple Length』on Hollins deeply stabbed in the back of the sea dragon. Thereby extending its length.

Guguua

Getting stabbed even more deeply, sea dragon screamed in pain more than ever.

Watching a sea dragon and breathing out, Seiya says.

"This is the end"

At the next moment, Seiya strongly grasped Hollins, stabbed deeply in the back of the sea dragon, raised his arm strength, and pulled Hollins to the head of the sea dragon. He teared its back all the way to the head

Guooooo

The sea dragon with two swords in its head issued its final scream, and its life was extinguished.

"Fuh, it ended somehow"

Seiya breathes out, seating on the body of the sea dragon floating on the surface of the water. And Yua moves towards Seiya on the boat .

"Good work....."

"Yeah"

The facial expression of Yua still has a sense of distance, but it is a bit closer compared with the beginning when she met him.

Still, Yua did not trust Seiya.

But Seiya started to trust Yua.

Little by little, two people were closing distance between them.

The duo got on a small boat, moved to the land in the deepest part of the lake, and entered the cave further in the back.

Chapter 18: White Tiger

The two, who had successfully defeated the sea dragon, crossed over the lake, and entered the cave.

But there was a little difference from the previous one. That is, Yua wasn't using『Firelight』.

He didn't know what was the principle, but in the cave where they are now, strange lights were spread around providing plenty of light in a wide area.

"How long till we reach the end?"

"I don't know....."

They walked slowly in the dark cave, there were no openings in their posture..

Seiya was always ready to cast his spells at any time and Yua was prepared to create a weapon.

The duo marveled at the appearance of the cave.

"Here..."

"Bright....."

They came to a bright open place about 50 meters in diameter.

But why such an open space exists in the Great Dalis Canyon.

"Well, usually in such cases"

"There should be a strong enemy....."

"Yep. Speaking of the devil"

Before the duo, who absolutely expected to meet a strong enemy in this place, a new beast revealed his figure..

The beast that appeared before the two people was a monster with a sharp fangs and a characteristic black lines on its white body, the white tiger himself.

Its size was quite small compared to centipede and sea dragon, and it is difficult to grasp its strength at first glance. However, the duo lost their words looking at white tiger that appeared before their eyes.

"You're lying, right? Is this really a magical beast?"

Said Seiya, with Hollins already in his arms.

"Monster....."

While looking at the beast and calling it a monster, Yua held her bow, Yurial, in her right hand.

They understood with a glance that white tiger was on the different level

from the previous monsters.

Although the aura of the white tiger is smaller than the sea dragon's, it is somehow deep, they understood that it should be a powerhouse amongst magical beasts.

The white tiger's aura, if anything, was closer to the warrior than a monster.

The duo felt instinctive danger facing the white tiger, they decided to finish this fight swiftly and moved into action.

"『Dark Wave』"

First of all, Seiya casted the『Dark Wave』towards the white tiger trying to eliminate its existence, but white tiger jumped sideways and dodged it. (TN: Xianxia MCs should learn to dodge sometimes too, and not just smacking skills in each other)

"It is fast"

"It is fine....."

Seiya was surprised by the speed of the white tiger, but Yua was finally ready to unleash her attack.

"This is the end....."

She loaded Yurial with an arrow made from light, setting it up toward the sky, and let go of its string.

Arrow released from Yua's Yurial will fly above the white tiger and will split to become a rain of light arrows falling down on it.

No matter how fast white tiger is, he can't easily avoid the rain of arrows.

And if even a single arrow hits, the mana of light will enter white tiger's body, causing it to explode from the inside.

In other words, white tiger will be defeated.

Yua was convinced in white tiger's defeat. That is why she was amazed by the result, she saw the next moment.

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White tiger raised a roar towards the rain of arrows pouring down on it.

"It can't be....."

Yua lost her words from the shock.

The moment white tiger roared facing the arrows, all of the light arrows which filled the entire sky disappeared without any trace. It closely resembled Seiya's dark attribute.

"He can't have the dark attribute.....right?...."

Yua unexpectedly lost her words. But Seiya's answer was negative.

"No, it wasn't the dark attribute"

"Then what was that....."

If it is was not a dark attribute, the what was that, Yua thought. However even Seiya didn't know the answer.

Although he did not understand everything, Seiya dint's sense any dark attribute mana from tiger's roar.

"I do not know, but magic might not work against him"(TN: The enemy with magic protection. Again. Author sure loves them)

If you use a single-target spell, white tiger will avoid it with its speed, so you can't hit him easily. On the other hand, even if you attack by using spell with big area of effect, it will be prevented by the roar. (TN: Should I just use aoe instead?)

It seems magic does not work against white tigers. If so, it naturally comes to weapons.

"Yuriel"

Yua switched from the bow Yurial to the rapier Yuriel and looked at the white tiger, which was staring at them.

"『Mantle of Light』"

Meanwhile, Seiya raised his physical ability and the processing speed of the brain by putting the light mana on his body to match the speed of white tiger.

"I will be the main attacker, I leave support to you"

"All right....."

Seiya grips Hollins and makes one step ahead.

Because white tiger can move at tremendous speed, it will be better for Seiya to be the main, after all he can raise his physical abilities with『Mantle of Light』.

Because Yua understood that firmly, she decided to look for the openings.

"Fuuu, let's go"

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Seiya and white tiger quietly confront each other. Seiya moved first.

Seiya kicks the ground with his raised strength and moves to the front of the tiger. Holding Hollins in his right hand he attacks it.

However, white tiger swiftly moved in to action.

"Tsk"

White tiger jumped, and landed behind Seiya. There were no wasted movements, it was moving as if it was sliding on earth.

"I'm not done yet"

Seiya transferred the power to his left foot, kicked the ground with, and approached the white tiger again.

While doing that, he tried to penetrate its right eye with Hollins in his left hand.

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It was then. White tiger roared towards Seiya. His motive was unknown, but he clearly wanted to erase "something".

Seiya was not a person that will wait for an attack to hit. He immediately casts multiple『Dark Wave』against the roar.

"『Dark Wave』"

He successfully erased the power behind the roar, and only breeze reached his face. Then he immediately thrusts Hollins in its left eye. At least, that's how it was supposed to be.

"What?!"

However, just before that happened, wind blades sliced at his left shoulder and caused him to bleed.

And with that shock, Hollins struck out in a different direction. Of course it never hits the white tiger.

Seiya showed a multitude of openings at this moment.

As soon as white tiger seen the gap, it tried to slice him with its claws.

"『Wall of Light』"

But the claw of white tiger never reached Seiya's chest. The wall of light suddenly appeared between Seiya and white tiger, preventing its attack.

"I was saved, Yua"

"Yup...."

Seiya thanks Yua for timely assist a while ago. Because it was not Seiya who casted the『Wall of Light』, but Yua.

『Mantle of Light』is the only spell Yua can not use, but she was able to understand it.

Instead of being able to use『Mantle of Light』, Yua was able to use『Channel

Light』, a weaker version of『Mantle of Light』.

『Mantle of Light』is a spell that can raise the physical ability of the whole body by spreading the mana of light attribute inside and outside.

On the contrary,『Single Light』is a spell that can raise the power in one part of the body by putting the mana of light attribute in that body part. (TN: Yeah, their mechanics are SO different)

And the『Channel Light』used by Yua uses the same principle to deploy multiple『Single Light』points at the same time, although it is inferior to『Mantle of Light』, it still raises several parts at the same time.

This was the limit of the current Yua.

Yua was using『Channel Light』, to raise the processing speed of the brain and perception, and closely watched the battle between Seiya and white tiger.

Seiya, takes a distance from the white tiger and thinks about what happened before. What on earth was the wind from the last time?

The roar of white tiger was completely extinguished by Seiya's『Dark Wave』. And while Seiya's face was subjected to the breeze, it was unlikely that wind blades would appear out of nowhere.

Thinking about it, he finally found the answer.

"Overlaid spells"

As Seiya said, the white tiger was overlaying his spells.

A magic overlay is a technique that uses remnants of the dispersed spell to improve or create a new one.

However, because this technique is quite sophisticated, no one is able to do that in Leiria Kingdom.

If Seiya did not read it in books, he would have never understood.

However, once cat is out of the bag, you do not need to fear it anymore. As long as you know, you can make a countermeasure.

For example, with regard to this magic overlay, it is okay to just deflect the spell.

Even if it was deflected, it won't be destroyed, and white tiger won't be able to do anything. Basically, if you use avoidance method, you have nothing to fear.

"Fuuh"

Seiya took a stance with Hollins and breathed out heavily. Then he imagined. The method to defeat the tiger.

"All right then"

The image was completed.

Chapter 19: Seiya's Death

Seiya put a lot of power into his legs, kicked the ground and approached the white tiger.

The white tiger too kicked the ground and jumped towards Seiya.

Apparently they are both thinking the same thing.

What the two of them aimed for, was to add the power of the leap to the attack and simultaneously collide with each other in the air where the center of gravity of the opponent was unstable.

In the air, without leverage points, the outcome will be decided by the sheer power.

The more powerful one is, the more likely he is to win in the collision.

Clang

The sound of Hollins and claws colliding reverberated in the air. They efficiently utilised their power and came to a momentary stalemate in the air, their power was close to each other.

And the results soon came out.

"Tsk....."

Seiya was pushed back by the tiger. But the same was also true for the white tiger, and it was blown back too by his attack.

In other words, the clash ended in a draw.

But the battle was not over yet. For the tiger's standpoint, this was the end of their clash, but Seiya's assault was not over yet.

This is the difference between magicians and magical beasts.

While being pushed back in the air, Seiya casted the『Dark Wave』towards the ground behind the white tiger.

That place was where the white tiger will land. From the power of『Dark Wave』, the ground behind the tiger sank about ten centimeters.

However, the white tiger does not know such a thing and tries to land on the ground. As expected, its legs sunk and its balance was broken.

This was Seiya's aim. Seiya screams the name of the partner, he can rely on..

"Yua!"

"Leave it to me....."

Seiya firmly landed on the ground and entrusted the attack to Yua.

She immediately understood his plan, she poured the light mana in her legs and raised their strength.

"I will finish it with this ..."

Yua kicked the ground, and closed in on the disbalanced white tiger.

The white tiger couldn't dodge and ended up receiving the attack.

This time, the white tiger was supposed to be pierced through by Yuriel.

"It is finishedit can't be... ..."

The next thing they saw was not the sight of white tiger being penetrated by Yuriel, nor it was the sight of him being scarred.

They saw the picture of Yuriel being broken into two the moment it hit the forehead of the tiger.

It was as if his forehead was made of steel, Yuriel couldn't withstand the impact.

"Why....."

Yua lost her words and froze in place seeing this.

Guruuuu Guraaaaa

In front of her, white tiger raised a much bigger roar than before, and its appearance began to rapidly change.

The ice suddenly grew on its neck, it started to resemble a lion, then the green lightning gathered around its whole body.

All of the sudden, the white tiger changed its appearance. He now looked more like a lightning beast than a tiger.

"Yua!"

Seiya calls out to Yua in a loud voice. He tried to warn her about its attack.

"Ah....."

Called by Seiya, Yua finally got a grip of herself and took evasive actions.

Instantly casting [Single Light] on her feet, Yua swiftly widened the distance between her and the thunderstorm to 10 meters.

Because Yua has taken a distance from the lightning beast, she ends up without injuries.

Yua who escaped thunder beast's attack was relieved that the momentary crisis has passed, and ended up relaxing her guard. But that proved to be fatal.

"Yua!"

Seiya screamed her name again, but it probably won't be of any use. Unlike Yua, Seiya knew what was about to happen.

The lightning beast's speed couldn't even be compared to before.

If it was still a white tiger, widening the distance to 10 meters would have been the correct decision. However, the opponent now wasn't the white tiger but a lightning beast.

The beast wrapped in lightning had the ability many times higher than a tiger.

In other words, the distance of 10 meters is negligible for the lightning beast.

Perhaps, in normal circumstances Yua would have been able to deal with the situation. But Yua was surprised at the moment and didn't make a good decision.

After two heartbeats she noticed her blunder. But then it was already late.

Lightning beast approached Yua at high speed and tried to tear her body with its claws.

And the moment lightning beast was about to pierce her heart.

"Yua!"(TN: This is a fourth time a copypasted that phrase)

Yua's body suddenly was pushed away by someone, and she fell on the ground.

"Guha....."

Bicha bicha, there was a sound of liquid scattering.

What the hell happened?

When Yua looked back, there was a shocking picture in front of her eyes.

"Seiya....."

There was a scene of Seiya, who pushed her away, being penetrated in the heart by the lightning beast.

"Ugh....."

Seiya raised a voice filled with pain. However, his eyes were losing their lustre, it was not known if he still had awareness.

The arms that held Hollins trembled, and Hollins fell on the ground.

Karan karan, the strange sound was reverberating.

"It can't be...."

Yua lost her words looking at this.

A tremendous amount of blood flown out of Seiya's chest, colouring the surroundings in red.

Smash

Lightning beast shook its foreleg and blown Seiya's body into the wall.

Pshht, making such a sound, Seiya's body hit the wall with his back and fell to the ground. (TN: I'm running low on onomatopoeias. Sheesh)

Pierced through the heart, he already lost a lot of blood, adding to that the previous sound. Seiya's circumstances couldn't be any worse..

"Seiya...."

Yua was convinced that Seiya died. Although they were together thus far, if you died it can't be helped.

And besides, there is no way lightning beast will forget about her.

In order to leave this place alive, Yua switched to the Yurial and prepared herself.

Chapter 20: Yua's Heart

Inside the bright cave, Yua faced a lightning beast, wearing lightning around its body.

"Fast...."

Lightning beast attacks Yua at the speed that can't be registered by her eyes. She casts [Channel Light] to raise functions such as the eyesight and brainpower, somehow she managed to escape the attack.

Lightning beast moved behind Yua and tried to slash at her, but Yua gripped Yurial in her right hand and fired at its foreleg from the very close range.

Then, she raised her leg strength and took a distance from it.

Yua was on the defensive for a while already.

Even if she tries to attack, its speed is frightening, she can't hit the beast so easily.

Adding to that, even if her attack hits, it is impossible for her to even penetrate its skin.

Yua knew about the source of its speed and hard skin. She even knew of a magician with similar qualities.

The speed that couldn't be caught by the eyes, the solid skin that couldn't be penetrated even by the Yuriel, the source of them was the lightning cloak on its body.

There are two types of lightning attribute in the Leiria Kingdom.

Commonly known lightning attribute is an attribute derived from the wind attribute which is one of four basic attributes.

And the less well-known lightning attribute is the attribute compounded from the combination of wind attribute and fire attribute.

Lightning beast's cloak was the latter.

Lightning attribute which is compounded attribute, incorporates the special effect of both wind and fire, the special effect of lightning attribute is『hardening+activation』.

This is the secret of the beast's strength.

By cloaking itself in lightning, lightning beast hardened its skin using wind attribute, and at the same time by the special effect of fire attribute, activates his latent physical abilities.

"So troublesome ..."

Yua muttered looking at the beast.

Gururu

Lightning beast roared, and its figure suddenly vanished. She felt that beast's speed was gradually increasing.

However, she was still able to barely protect herself.

If you do not lose your cool, it is doable. Yua thought so.

However, the moment when the lightning beast moved in front of Yua and tried to slice her with its claw again, her movements were slightly late.

"Damn...."

Although Yua thought that she would be fine if she fought calmly, somehow she could not keep up with the movement of the lightning beast. And this was not the first time.

"Why...."

You thought that it wouldn't be a problem if she dealt with it calmly, but for some reason her body didn't respond well enough.

It felt like she had a hole in her heart, Yua's movement kept growing duller.

But Yua couldn't understand what that feeling was.

Lightning beast continued its merciless attack, disregarding her emotional state.

"Why....."

She felt that each time she tried to concentrate on its attack, the hole in her heart grew bigger.

As if the more she fought, the more she regretted. Yua desperately tried to concentrate on the battle.

"I have to focus ..."

Yua muttered to herself again, trying to capture the appearance of the beast in her field of vision. But the moment she looked at Seiya, her movements couldn't help but slow down.

She couldn't see the appearance of Seiya under the large number of rocks and stones, after collision with the wall, but it was impossible for him to survive.

Yua understood such a thing well enough. Still, when she looked at that place, she couldn't help but be mindful of it.

(It makes no sense ...)

Yua desperately tried to convince herself.

(I just tried to use him to get to Aquaristan)

Yua tried to remind herself of the first though she had upon seeing him.

(He is a temporary partner, if he dies that is fine)

Trying to forget about Seiya, she thought of heartless things. But the more Yua tried to forget him, the more his figure imprinted itself in her heart.

"Why....."

Yua couldn't understand.

I do not trust other people, I do not trust Seiya. So even if he died, I only feel a little sorry, but nothing more. Our connection comes to an end.

He died. Our relationship expired. I need to forget him.

Yua kept thinking as such.

But, for some reason, she couldn't forget him. She couldn't understand that reason. (TN: Because he is MC, girl)

No, she knew it, but didn't want to acknowledge it.

She was afraid of being betrayed again.

While Yua was thinking, the lightning beast didn't cease its assault. In other words, it was inevitable that Yua fell into a pinch in a moment.

"Damn it....."

Lightning beast appeared behind Yua, who lacks concentration.

Because of the lapse in concentration, Yua couldn't respond to its attack. Even if she started moving, it would be impossible for her to avoid the attack of the beast.

Just a momentary gap. However, in high-speed battle, the moment is enough.

Various responses are born in Yua's head, but she didn't have enough time to execute any of them.

(Death.....)

I will be pierced through the heart just like Seiya and die. Yua imagined this outcome in her head and strengthened her resolve.

"Tsk....."

Various regrets surfaced in her heart, but it will turn into nothing soon enough, so Yua stops thinking. She prepared to embrace the incoming pain.

(Here it comes.....)

Yua was expecting the pain to come. But the pain never appeared, no matter how long she waited.

She was wondering what happened and slowly opened her eyes that she previously closed. And then she was startled.

"Eh....."

"Are you alright, Yua?"

"Seiya....."

Behind Yua, there was a figure of Seiya with Hollins in his right hand, deflecting the attack of lightning beast.

This story goes back a bit, just a moment after Seiya crashed into the wall and was buried by the rocks, he mysteriously regained his consciousness.

He felt it was very strange.

Why was he still breathing, why was he still conscious, why he even was here? Seiya felt strange, but he understood that he was still alive

"Why?"

Seiya wondered. He should have been pierced through the heart by the sharp

claws of the lightning beast, he should have lost a lot of blood and died. That was an undeniable fact.

But even then Seiya didn't feel any pain anywhere in his body, the only difference being that his surroundings were dark.

Other than that, everything was normal.

Seiya looked at his chest. There should be a wound from the beast's claw. But when Seiya saw his own chest, he didn't find any wounds.

"Why...Mm? This is....."

Not to mention the wound, he noticed that his clothes were mostly fine as well. There was still a small hole in the chest part, the white mana was leaking from that hole.

White mana, its identity is of course the holy attribute. But Yua wasn't here right now, that meant that Seiya is the source of the holy attribute.

"What is happening?"

Seiya was watching his clothes with great concentration, soon enough the small hole vanished and his school uniform returned to its original condition

Seiya lost his words to an incredible sight. But soon he remembers an important matter.

"Right, Yua"

Seiya thought that Yua still didn't know about his condition. He immediately became worried about her safety.

For Seiya, Yua was a mysterious girl he didn't understand too well, but he still felt happy because she needed him.

Yua needed Seiya's help. She needed the help of the Unknown. Never before someone asked Seiya for help.

Seiya, for the first time felt like admitting to himself, he wanted to protect Yua.

"Have to help Yua"

Seiya slowly stood up and emerged from the darkness.

Then he saw Yua being in a pinch.

"『Mantle of Light』"

Seiya will use his power to protect Yua.

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"Seiya!?"

"Let's talk later. Need to deal with it first"

Yua was surprised that Seiya, who she thought was dead, survived, but as he said, now it is not the right time. They need to get rid of the immediate threat.

"Yua, can you break through his defence?"

He asked whether she had a method to stop the white tiger. Unfortunately for Seiya, he didn't have any means to pierce its skin. (TN: Just to be clear. They call it the lightning beast and white tiger interchangeably)

So he ended up asking Yua.

Answering to his question,

"If you can stop it in one place for 5 seconds....."

"Alright, I'm counting on you"

When Seiya heard that there was a solution, he decided on his role. Seiya's job was to keep the white tiger in the same place for five seconds then pass the baton to Yua.

It is not easy, but it is necessary to survive.

Seiya grasped Hollins in both hands and increased the amount of mana of the light attribute on its surface.

Up till now, even if he used『Mantle of Light』to catch up with the white tiger, he couldn't overtake it. So he put on his strongest『Mantle of Light』so far.

For a moment he broke through his limit. However, since Seiya had a dark attribute, there was no anxiety. I will make it succeed. Seiya thought so and further increased the amount of mana.

"Break through the limit, Overlimit"(TN: Did he reached a new realm in his cultivation?)

The moment he raising the amount of mana worn, the color disappeared from his view. He was in the world of speed.

If color disappears from view, he can deploy more brainpower to keep up with the speed of the tiger.

Not only his sight changed. Hearing, olfaction, taste and so on also stopped functioning at once. This reduced the burden on the brain and enhanced only the aspects necessary for battle.

It was all for fighting in the world of godspeed.

It was the same for white tiger. The white tiger also increased the amount of

lightning around him just like Seiya, and erased the color from its view.

From there, the battle of godspeed started.

They moved almost at the same time. When Seiya kicked the ground with his raised leg power, the lightning beast also kicked the ground and approached Seiya.

When Hollins approached the claw of thunder and they collided, a shock wave was born with a grand explosion sound. And there was not only one shockwave, but many. Even the air vibrated from them.

"Amazing....."

Yua could not trace the figures of Seiya and lightning beast, but she could feel just how amazing the fight was.

The moment after the massive explosion sound and tremendous shockwave, there was already no one there.

At the next moment, a huge explosion sound and shockwaves were born in other places.

Truly a fight on a different level.

But Yua couldn't just look at this fight. Because it was her job to put an end to this battle.

Yua begins her final preparations.

Firstly, Yuriel appeared in her free left hand.

Yua who grasped two white weapons in both hands, loaded the rapier Yuriel into a bow as if it was an arrow.

That spell is the most penetrating spell she knows. On the other hand, however, it is a difficult task to hit the moving target, and once she missed it will be the end.

Truly the finishing blow.

Therefore, to cast this spell she had to trust Seiya.

"Seiya....."

While thinking about her reliable partner, Yua started pouring mana into the loaded Yuriel. From all this mana, Yuriel started to shine brightly.

Yuriel cloaked in white mana had a considerable presence on the battlefield. So, Seiya understood that she was ready.

While colliding with lightning beast, he tried to find an opening. However, the lightning beast couldn't afford to show a gap so easily, so Seiya failed to achieve anything.

"I have no choice"

If there is no gap, make a gap. As before, Seiya aimed for the moment the beast lands on the ground after collision.

"『Dark Wave』"

It was not to annihilate the lightning beast, but the ground where it will land. The moment when Seiya casted his spell, a part of its landing spot became depressed, and a small hole appeared.

Gururu

But lightning beast was not an idiot. The same thing won't work on it two times in a row.

Lightning beast chosen only the space that was not instantaneously eliminated by the『Dark Wave』, landed on it dexterity, and jumped again.

Then it tried to move to the ground which was still intact.

"As I thought"

Seiya smiled when he saw the lightning beast leap again. Seiya believed that it will leap once again without getting its legs on the ground.

Seiya casts a new spell against the lightning beast which jumped away from

the depression.

"『Black Hammer』"

In the next moment, the purple magic circle appeared above the jumping lightning beast. However, it was paying attention to the ground and was too late to notice the spell.

The moment it finally noticed it was already late.

The mysterious pressure attacks the lightning beast that was still in the air, and pushes it to the ground.

Gururu

The lightning beast was trying to free himself somehow, but the pressure was quite strong, it was unlikely to escape so easily. Still it will not be detained for a long time.

However, it was enough to buy the five seconds that Yua required..

The spell used by Seiya was the dark attribute original spell『Black Hammer』, a spell that was instantly created by Seiya.

Remembering『Holy Hammer』which Yua used against the sea dragon, he wanted to incorporate a similar spell in his repertoire, its effect wasn't much different from the『Holy Hammer』.

Seiya who succeeded in stopping the lightning beast shouted out Yua's name.

"Yua!"

"Leave it to me....."

Yua, who was called out, readied her bow Yurial and faced the lightning beast.

Yuriel, which is loaded in Yurial, was cloaked in more white mana than before, and emanated a considerable pressure.

Yua thought.

She could trust Seiya.

At first he was just convenient, she tried to use him to return home from the dark territory without meeting people.

But his existence gradually become more than just useful.

Seiya trusted Yua enough to come to the Great Dalis Canyon.

Just a few moments ago, he did not care about himself and saved her.

Even now, believing that she had a power to decide the outcome, he did his best to suppress the lightning beast.

Seiya already trusted Yua. And that was the same for her.

She knew about that, but didn't admit it.

Because she was afraid to trust Seiya just to be betrayed again. That's why she distanced herself from him. But she finally faced it.

Seiya already imprinted himself in her heart, and he became an irreplaceable existence for Yua. (TN: Save the girl in a pinch and she is yours)

She was certainly scared to be betrayed by people. Even if she wanted to trust from the bottom of her heart. However, to trust people, Yua must overcome that fear.

(Seiya.....)

She could only admit it.

Admit, that she trust Seiya from the bottom of her heart. And admit that she also liked him as much.

While muttering his name, Yua released the bowstring.

"Holy Law"

Pan! And Yuriel was fired with a loud sound straight towards the lightning beast.

Yuriel, cloaked in white mana, started rotating and increasing its speed, its penetrating power was also raised.

It was easy for such Yuriel to penetrate the hard skin of a lightning beast.

Gugya

The lightning beast wanted to scream from the pain. But before the scream came out, it already lost its consciousness and died.

This determined the victory for Seiya and Yua.

"It ended"

"Yup....."

"Even so, your last attack was amazing"

Seiya was deeply impressed by her last attack.

But her answer to Seiya sounded quite depressed. Besides that, her cheeks were somewhat red.

"Yes....."

"Yua?"

Perplexed, Seiya looked at Yua carefully, she apologized in a quiet voice.

"Seiya.....sorry....."

"Mm? For what?"

Seiya who suddenly received an apology was bewildered. It wasn't surprising, considering that he didn't know what transpired in her heart.

She apologized not trusting Seiya until now, she apologized for trying to abandon him, when she thought that he died, she apologized for a lot of things.

Then the question was born in her head.

"By the way ... how are you still alive?"

Yua asked why Seiya, piersed by the lightning beast, was still alive.

She thought that Seiya was certainly dead at that time. A lot of blood is scattered at the place where Seiya was penetrated. (TN: (ヲ5ヲ))

It was weird thinking normally.

"Ah, that was....."

The moment Seiya tried to answer her question, the ground where they stood suddenly began to collapse.

""!?"

They tried to catch onto something, but unfortunately they failed and started falling with the collapsing ground.

"Yua!"

"Seiya...."

While falling, Seiya hugged Yua in a hurry. Yua's cheeks were quickly dyed red from the hug.

Then the two of them fell together.

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"Are you okay?"

"Yup....."

Seiya strongly hugged Yua to himself, and Yua strongly hugged his arm in return, they continued to fall as such.

Immediately after the duo defeated the lightning beast, the ground suddenly began to collapse and they fell down. But this time they could clearly see the bottom.

"Here we go"

While Seiya was falling, he gracefully turned his body in the air and landed on the ground. Then he lowered Yua on the ground from his princess carry.

Her face looked somewhat disappointed, but he didn't notice.

"Well then, what are we going to do now"

Seiya said, after looking around.

The place where the two people landed was even more open than the previous one, they were also surrounded by water.

If you are to describe this place, then the solitary island will be appropriate.

And the most distinct characteristic of this place is water, gushing from every hole.

The water was clear enough to see through it. They couldn't tell why water was spontaneously springing up.

"Weird"

"Yes....."

Seiya was looking around but didn't find the exit. Yua looked around too, but achieved the same.

It was at this moment. A woman's voice echoed on an isolated island.

"I thought it was noisy, it seems some pests came uninvited"

"!"?"

They were surprised by alluring voice that resounded out of nowhere. Because it was the den of the powerful monsters, there should be no one other than two of them here.

Seiya looked at the one who was saying it. There was a woman sitting in a chair that was floating in the air.

She was a woman with blue eyes and sapphire pupils, she had impressive twin peaks, that seemed to defy gravity.

The feminine atmosphere that she excluded was incredibly alluring for any adolescent boy.

But Seiya was not charmed. He was not conceited enough to say that he was popular with girls. Besides, he had no time for that right now.

"No way"

It was the same for Yua. There are no human beings inside the Great Dalis Canyon. As soon as she remembered that, she came up with an answer.

"Are you Undine?"(TN: If some kind of awesome creature was ever mentioned before, they just had to bump into it. Hard to be an MC)

"Heh, so you know about me"

The woman confirmed Seiya's guess. Yes, she is the water fairy Undine who lives in the Great Dalis Canyon.

Seiya never thought that he will be able to meet Undine, he felt lucky in a sense.

The magical beasts were acting based on their animal instincts, but now they have Undine in front of them.

Unlike magical beasts, you can have a conversation with her. That means that

you can talk your way out.

Seiya decided to speak with her.

"I want to talk. Please listen"

"Talk? What is it?"

Seiya was glad that he managed to start a conversation. So he immediately got to the chase.

"We are not here to fight. We aim to return to the Leiria Kingdom by passing through the Great Dalis Canyon"

"I see, so what?"

"We want to get out of here. Of course we aren't going to harm you"

That was his proposal to Undine. There was no point to fight here. Seiya wanted to solve it peacefully and avoid the fight.

But Undine's answer was a refusal.

"I refuse. You have to defeat me to get out of here. And I do not intend to be defeated"

Listening to the words of Undine, Seiya felt suspicious.

There is no way it is true. Unless they aren't inside the unique barrier made by Undine, it is possible to go outside without killing her.

"Why did you lie? We ought to be able to go outside even without defeating you"

Hearing his words, Undine makes a slightly surprised expression.

"Oh, aren't you nice. Everyone before you tried to kill me though"

"I told you. I do not want to fight you"

Seiya meant what he said. They already spent most of their mana, fighting with fairy is just stupid. The common sense tells you to run if you ever encounter one.

"But too bad. I do not want to let you out"

"Why?"

"Because everyone will know about my existence. I do not want that"

Undine says that, being weirdly irritated.

Her wish was to live quietly in this Great Dalis Canyon. If other people knew about her existence, it was her policy to dispose of them.

That is why, Undine was trying to erase the existence of Seiya and Yua.

"You do not need to worry. We will not talk about your existence"

"Am I supposed to believe that?"

"Yes, that's right"

Seiya was looking at Undine with a serious look. It was the same with Yua. She did not want to fight the fairy in this place.

However, it was not so easy believe someone you met for the first time, even if they said to believe them. More so for an existence that refused to have a contact with humans, Undine.

"Sorry, but this is impossible"

Undine looked down on Seiya and refused, she started to deploy a magic circle towards the duo.

"I'm sorry, but you have to disappear"

Undine shoots a laser of water from the magic circle towards Seiya. The laser was much more powerful than the one used by the sea dragon. (TN: So water can form a laser, wow)

However, when Seiya casted the『Dark Wave』against the laser of water, it suddenly disappeared as if it never existed in the first place.

"Heh, you aren't too bad"

"Well, kind of"

Undine saw Seiya's dark attribute and realized that he is a powerful magician.

By the way, why was Seiya's [Dark Wave] able to easily extinguish Undine's attack rather than a relatively weak sea dragon's attack?

The answer is, he got accustomed to the dark attribute.

When confronting the sea dragon, Seiya had just regained the dark attribute and was not used to it. So he was struggling against the sea dragon's attack.

But now it is different.

Seiya was one step in the grave in the fight against the lightning beast. Strangely, his affinity with the dark attribute has increased more than ever, and the dark attribute became more familiar to him than ever.

As a result, he was able to easily annihilate Undine's attack, which was more powerful than sea dragon's attack.

"I can not let you escape after all . If you want to get out of here, defeat me and make a contract with me. Then you can get out of here"

"Ha, it can't be helped then. Yua, let's do it"

"Yes....."

The two grasped their weapons again and faced the Undine.

The atmosphere surrounding the Undine changed in a moment.

And the air in this place changed instantly.

Seiya with twin swords Hollins, Yua with a rapier Yuriel, they looked at the Undine who was still floating in a chair.

On the other hand, from Undine's expression you can understand that she is not serious yet.

Undine moved first.

"Water Cannon"(TN: Author didn't put this line in a fancy brackets, so I don't know if it is a name of a spell or whatever)

Undine shoots water towards Seiya and Yua.

"『Dark Wave』"

However, when Seiya casted『Dark Wave』against her attack, her spell was extinguished without a trace.

"Yua"

"Leave it to me....."

Aiming for the moment when the water was extinguished, Yua casts『Single Light』on her feet, raises leg strength and leaps.

And then she swiftly closed in on the Undine with Yuriel.

"Naive. Water Laser"(TN: Same thing)

Facing leaping Yua, Undine deploys a blue magic circle and attacks her.

It was the same attack that Undine used on Seiya earlier.

"You are the naive one.『Dark Wave』"

Seiya casted a『Dark Wave』against the water laser that was about to hit Yua, and the laser disappeared in moment.

Yua who believed that Seiya would be able to protect her stabbed Yuriel towards Undine without hesitation.

"This is the end....."

Yua who pierced Yuriel into Undine tries to pour the mana of light attribute into her body and explode her from within.

It was supposed to be their victory.

"Naive"(TN: Kids fight. You are naive! No, you are! No, it is you!)

Undine grinned.

In the next moment, Yuriel, who had been stuck in the abdomen of Undine, is pushed out of the body.

And the wound that should have been made in the abdomen of Undine has disappeared in no time.

"It can't be....."

Yua lost her words to this sight. She had definitely seen it. She wondered from what her body was made of.

"It is all water....."

"Correct"

Hearing Yua's words, Undine affirmed with a smile.

As she said, her whole body was made out of water. The recoil from striking her with Yuriel felt different from other magical beasts.

The impact Yua felt when she stabbed Undine was so weak that she doubted whether she pierced her or not.

However, if the body of Undine was composed of water, this feeling could be explained.

And this was also the reason why Undine's body didn't explode from her mana.

Water, if the body of Undine was made out of water mixed with mana of

water attribute, all excessive mana will calm down and wouldn't make any effect.

It was probably the same even for Seiya's dark attribute.

In other words, this kind of attack is useless against the Undine.

For a moment Yua lost her means of attack against the Undine. But she was not alone. She had a reliable partner.

"You are full of openings"

Suddenly, behind Undine sitting on the chair appeared Seiya, wearing the mana of light attribute. With Hollins in both hands, he aimed at Undine's neck from behind.

"I noticed you"

Without sparing a glance at Seiya, Undine creates a blue magic circle behind her and shoots a water laser towards him.

But Undine's attack already does not work against Seiya.

"It's useless.『Dark Wave』"

Seiya casted the『Dark Wave』and extinguished the water laser again.

However, Undine also knew that Seiya was able to extinguish the water laser.

Undine's real aim was not to shoot through Seiya, but to buy some time.

Having earned enough time, Undine proceeds to the next step.

"Gedo-chan"

The moment Undine called this name, a part of the lake's water surrounding the isolated island gathered in front of Seiya and instantly formed a giant sphere.

"『Dark Wave』"

"I will not let you"

"What!?"

Seiya tried to extinguish the sphere quickly by casting multiple『Dark Wave』towards it, but Undine emanated the mana of water attribute towards Seiya's『Dark Wave』and suppressed its ability to extinguish.

Because Seiya's『Dark Wave』was sealed, the huge water sphere was finally completed.

It was a very large water sphere with cracks on its surface, its true appearance was revealed.

"Hey, are you kidding me?"

"I can't believe it"

The duo who landed on the ground lost their words seeing the true appearance of the sphere

"This is a dragon that has been strengthened to the limit, Gedo-chan"

It was a huge dragon formed entirely of water like Undine that was named using Undine's nonexisting naming sense as Gedo-chan

(TN: Gedo was made from the words genkai (limit) and doragon (dragon). So you get why her naming sense is bad)

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Isolated island was floating in the lake. There were four shadows on it.

First, a blue haired woman, that is looking down on the ground while floating in a chair.

Second, a big dragon, composed entirely of water, that is flying behind that woman.

Third, a boy, wearing the mana of light attribute and grasping the twin swords in both hands, while standing on the ground.

Fourth, a girl, standing on the ground like a boy, holding a white rapier.

And the four shadows existed opposing each other two vs two.

But the atmosphere here was somewhat light.

"Gedo-chan, ha-ha"

"Horrible naming sense"

Seiya and Yua, looked away from Undine, trying to suppress their laugh at Gedo-chan and her horrible naming sense. (TN: If someone doesn't remember, I explained it at the end of previous chapter)

Undine seemed to be angry with the duo.

"Aren't you too relaxed? Do it, Gedo-chan"

As he was told by the Undine, Gedo-chan created a blue magic circle in front of his mouth and attacked the duo.

"『Dark Wave』"

Seiya immediately casts the『Dark Wave』against the water shot from Gedo-chan's mouth.

Although Gedo-chan's attack had considerable power, it was distributed in a wide area. So, Seiya's『Dark Wave』easily dealt with it.

"Yua, which one is yours?"

"I leave the dragon to you....."

"All right. Then Undine is all yours"

"Yup....."

The two swiftly decided on their enemies, and launched an attack.

In this environment, fighting solo will be more effective than cooperating. The two judged like that and split up.

Seiya grasped the twin swords and approached Gedo-chan with his raised leg power.

But, of course, Gedo-chan wasn't staying still either. As a matter of course, he

deployed a magic circle towards Seiya and unleashed an attack.

"Slow"

Gedo-chan won't be able to hit Seiya because of its mass. Seiya thought this way, but reality was different.

Gedo-chan's speed was fast, if you compare him to common magical beasts. With its massive body it was even more impressive. But even if you say so, when he tried to hit Seiya, he wasn't that fast in Seiya's eyes.

Why so? It can be attributed to Seiya's previous battle.

Prior to fighting Gedo-chan, Seiya fought the lightning beast at the god speed and achieved a brilliant victory. And then this fight happened.

Even his body still remembered the sensation of the speed. Besides, Gedo-chan was definitely slower than lightning beast and had a size that is hard to miss.

Even with the usual『Mantle of Light』, he had already seen through Gedo-chan's movements.

Gedo-chan tried to shoot water again from his magic circle, but there was no one in that place already. At this point he already moved behind Gedo-chan.

"This is the end" (TN: No, chapter doesn't end here. Pay attention to scroll bar, sheesh)

Seiya pierced his neck with Hollins and poured mana of the dark attribute into him, trying to extinguish his body.

Gururu

But Gedo-chan does not seem to disappear any time soon.

At that time, Undine said.

"It's useless. For that child, as well as for myself, the effect of calming is a given"

"I see. But is it fine for you to tell this?"

"What do you mean?"

Undine tilted her head to Seiya's words.

Ignoring Undine, he takes a distance from Gedo-chan and casts a new spell.

"『Dark Sphere』"

"This is!?"

The moment Seiya casted his spell, a large purple sphere appeared above Gedo-chan's head. It swallowed him whole and disappeared.

Its power was in a different league compared to the time with the centipede.

And in a second Gedo-chan disappeared, leaving nothing behind.

"I didn't expect you to overpower his calming power"

"Well then, what will you do now?"

Undine lost her words, seeing Seiya's prowess.

What Seiya did was very simple.

Undine's water had enough power to calm his power of annihilation. Then Seiya thought that it might work if he unleashed something even more powerful. Thinking like that he casted『Dark Sphere』 which is vastly more powerful than the『Dark Wave』.

Undine realized that she could be extinguished in a similar manner, and called forth a new Gedo-chan. (TN: What are you doing, Yua?)

"Gedo-chan"

"As I said, it's useless"

"Who knows"

"what?this is!?"

Undine summoned Gedo-chan again, and Seiya leaked a surprised voice.

Because Gedo-chan, summoned by Undine, was larger than the previous one, and there were five of them.

"Their cooperation is quite something, you know"

"Tsk, how troublesome"

Seiya understood that Gedo-chan called by Undine was obviously different from the last one, and clicked his tongue.

It was then.

"Leave her to me"

"Yua? I see, she is yours"

"Yup....."

Looking at Yua, who was attacking Undine with Yuriel, Seiya reminded himself of his job again.

Seiya's role is to defeat Gedo-chan as soon as possible and help Yua. Until then, Yua will deal with Undine.

Having understood his role, he faced Gedo-chan again.

"So my opponent is you"

"Yes....."

Undine stood up from her chair and landed on the ground for the first time, looking somewhat interested in Yua.

And the chair, that Undine was sitting on, turned into water rapier and flew into the hands of Undine

"I will play with you for a while"

"I won't lose....."

Yua moved first.

Yua tried to penetrate the fairy with Yuriel, but Undine deflected the attack with her rapier.

She continued her attack and pushed Yua to the ground. And at the same time she produced innumerable needles of water and released them towards Yua all at once.

"『Wall of Light』"

Yua tried to restrain Undine by creating three『Chains of Fire』while preventing water needles with『Wall of Light』, intermediate spell of light attribute.

However, Undine calmed the chains down and washed them away.

Undine used the water rapier and tried to attack, but Yua casted『Wind Blade』in response and aimed for the counter.

"It's a nice attack, but it's too weak."

To counter Yua, Undine creates a shield of water to stop the attack.

In addition, Undine immediately changed the shield in front of herself into bullets and shot them all at once.

"Tsk.....『Wall of Light』"

Somehow Yua exercised a defensive spell and prevented the rain of water bullets. At that time, Undine had already moved on to the next attack.

The blue magic circle appeared on her right hand and was facing towards Yua, it was about to release a spell.

Yua barely prevented the bullets of water, and she had no defenses besides『Wall of Light』that was about to disappear as well.

"Game over. Water laser"

"....."

The water laser, released with the voice of Undine, easily broke through the『Wall of Light』and penetrated Yua's left shoulder.

You frowned in pain, but Undine was preparing her next attack without mercy.

"Water Laser"

"『Wind Clothes』"

Yua cannot prevent a water laser with a half-hearted defense magic. Yua thought so and casted『Wind Clothes』on her uniform to harden them.

This spell is a wind attribute elementary spell that can harden the object, lightning beast itself used a similar spell.

Yua thought that if she could use a simple spell to pinpoint the area of attack instead of wide defense spell, water laser could be prevented.

And the water laser, which was supposed to pierce her right flank, could not penetrate the clothes hardened by『Wind Clothes』, it only managed to scratch her.

Undine looked surprised for a moment and slowed down. Yua casted『Single Light』on her feet as soon as she saw an opening, and jumped at Undine.

"Damn it....."(TN: This is not Yua)

Flustered, Undine swiftly erected a water shield before Yua approached her. But as she finished, Undine realized that Yua was laughing.

However, because it was already formed, it couldn't be helped.

Yua was aiming for the time when Undine formed a shield of water all this time. She casted a spell towards Undine behind a shield.

"『Flash』"

The next moment, dazzling light hits Undine's eyes.

Because Undine formed a water shield, she had an illusion of safety, and was preparing her next attack.

As a result, her response was delayed, and the light directly affected her eyes. Furthermore, since her shield was made of pure water, the light passed unobstructed right into her eyes.

"Kya!"

Undine fell to the ground rubbing her closed eyes. Yua aimed Yuriel at Undine's throat and said,

"Cancel your magic right now"

"Will you spare me?"

This was the first and the last chance Yua gave her. Yua never killed anyone since coming in the dark territory. To be exact, she had never killed a person.

It felt totally different to take away the life of a beast that fights instinctively and someone human-like.

"I do not want to kill humans too much"

"Aren't you kind"

Strictly speaking, Undine is not a human but a fairy. Nevertheless, she looked like a human and talked like a human, for Yua she was a human.

"You are naive after all"

Undine created a rapier with water and flicked Yuriel away.

Yua gazed at Undine, which had a rapier made of water.

"Tsk sneaky I will not hesitate anymore"

"Or so you say"

"『Holy Hammer』"

Yua casted『Holy Hammer』on Undine. But Undine does not seem to be under the pressure and continued her attack.

Undine's water rapier scraped her cheeks, but Yua didn't care and tried to penetrate Undine with Yuriel.

"Such attack won't work on me"

Undine easily dodged the rapier. Yua tried to land an attack many times, but she doesn't hit Undine even once.

Yua felt like it was only her, who moved like in slow motion.

"Why....."

But she figured it out right away why her attacks never reach the target.

"I have been calmed ..."

"Oh, you figured that out?"

Actually Undine took her time to calm Yua's body. By doing so, her physical ability has been lowered and attacks were delayed.

But, once you know the cause, you can find a solution. Yua's mind manipulates mana of the light attribute inside her body and spreads it around with her blood flow.

And a certain spell was invoked.

"『Mantle of Light』"

It was an original spell that could only be used by Seiya with his dark and light attribute.

For Yua, this spell should be a double-edged sword that can ruin her own body. However, with her current declined ability, no matter how much she raises it she won't hit her limit.

The water played a role of pseudo-dark attribute in this situation.

"You must be kidding....."

"This is the end"(TN: Need more dots.....)

Undine couldn't follow Yua's accelerated movements.

Undine tried to defend herself with a water wall, but Yua's attack arrived earlier than it was completed.

Yua pierced the area where her heart should be.

Then, using Seiya's method, if you overwhelm her calming power she should explode from the inside.

"Why....."

"That's why I said you are naive. Did you think that my body is the same as Gedo-chan's? "(TN: Just be defeated already, this is the longest chapter by now)

Undine said, convinced of her victory.

Seiya succeeded in destroying Gedo-chan, not Undine. Undine's calming effect was dozen times more powerful than that of Gedo-chan.

In other words, Yua's rising couldn't overwhelm the calming of Undine.

"It can't be"

Yua lost her words. So she wasn't able to notice the water gathering around her.

"Ufufu, it's over.『Water Prison』"

When Undine uttered the name of the spell, water gathered around Yua, she was immediately entrapped inside the sphere of water.

The situation was reversed in a moment.

Yua was trapped inside『Water Prison』and couldn't breathe.

And Undine gradually increased the water pressure of『Water Prison』that confined Yua, trying to crush her.

She didn't hesitate to kill a human.

Inside the『Water Prison』, on the verge of losing consciousness, Seiya's appearance was reflected in her eyes.

He was the first person, that she trusted from the bottom of her heart. She wished to be together with him forever. But now this wish was about to be unfulfilled.

If only she was stronger.

(Seiya sorry

Yua quietly lost consciousness filled with regrets.

"Just stop already!"

A big purple magic circle appeared following the powerful voice, the five Gedo-chan were instantly annihilated.

Seiya struggled with Gedo-chan who attacked with a high degree of cooperation, but managed to succeed in the end and completely defeated them all.

And when he was about to head back to Yua, he saw her being imprisoned in a 『Water Prison』.

"Yua!"

When Seiya arrived at Yua's side, Undine dispelled the『Water Prison』and released Yua.

But at that time her heart had already stopped and her body was rigid.

"Yua! Yua! "

Seiya run up to Yua, who was lying on the ground motionless.

Seiya desperately called her name, but her eyes remained closed.

"Yua! Yua! Wake up. Hey! You pretended to be dead to deceive the enemy,

right? I am here now so you can stop already ..."

He frantically called her. Yua face looked like she was just sleeping.

But no matter how many times Seiya called, she didn't wake up.

Her breathing was stopped by Undine's『Water Prison』, she couldn't bear the rising water pressure.

"Listen, Yua..."

It is said, that you understand importance of something only after losing it. This was true for Seiya right now.

She was the first person that needed his help, the time he spent with her was very important for Seiya.

"It is a lie....."

Although Seiya wanted to deny it, he couldn't. She wasn't alive anymore. That was transmitted from her body even if he didn't like it.

"Don't screw with me"

In his heart, something very dark was born.

"Don't screw with me"

The darkness grew in proportion to his anger.

"Don't screw with me!!!!"

Something dark swallowed his mind, Seiya's reason was cut off right at this moment.

Chapter 24: Lord Of Dalis ③

When Seiya regained consciousness, he was in a mysterious place.

It wasn't a solitary island, but somewhere he didn't know.

Even though he is in the water, he didn't need to breathe. In this strange water, Seiya remembered.

(Yua.....)

She was the first person who needed him, but she was no longer in this world. The feeling of her cold body still remains on his hands.

He couldn't meet her anymore, he thought about that and anger consumed him.

His anger was not against Undine but against helpless himself, he could not protect Yua.

(If only I was stronger)

(Do you want to become stronger?)

Someone replied to his voice. Seiya looked around, but didn't find anyone. The voice asks Seiya.

(Do you want to become stronger?)

(Is it you again?)

The voice was similar to the voice he heard when he was about to be killed at the laboratory. But this time the voice was somewhat younger.

(It would be better for you if you answer. If you waste your time, that girl would be beyond salvation)

(Can you save Yua!?)

He can still help her. Just thinking about it made Seiya happy. He lost her once, if only he had another opportunity, we wouldn't let go of it.

What Seiya wants from the bottom of his heart now, is to bring Yua back to life and continue spending time with her like before.

(The girl can still be saved. It is up to you)

(If you save her, I will be ready to do anything)

(I see. Then I will lend you my power)

Seiya felt that mysterious voice left while laughing. In the next moment, the dark thing wrapped around Seiya, who was drifting in the water, and jumped out.

"What is this!?"

Just as Undine thought that he lost consciousness, she was surprised when he regained consciousness again.

She was also surprised at his appearance, even more startling was a change in his atmosphere than his appearance

Seiya quietly opened his eyes. The color of his eyes was not blue that he had so far, but a beautiful red and the color of his hair has changed from blond to a color between silver and white.

And the atmosphere surrounding him, was also very different from the one he had before.

Red-eyed Seiya, gently lifted Yua up from the ground, quietly laid her down and created a magic circle.

There were three magic circles, all of them were white. When he deployed each magic circle, Seiya quietly said its name.

"『Absolute Holy Barrier』,『Spell Scripture』,『Holy Time』, commence the time reversal"(TN: I didn't get that to be honest)

In the next moment, Yua's body was wrapped in a white barrier. The barrier was very warm and gentle, but it was very powerful.

Then white characters emerged on her body within the barrier, and started revolving around her. As white characters continued rotating, they stopped at a certain point and were sucked into Yua's body.

Her body shined for a moment, then white characters emerged on her body again and started rotating again.

After repeating the same pattern a few times, those characters disappeared from Yua's body completely and the barrier vanished at the same time.

Confirming that the process was complete, Seiya faces Undine. Somewhat afraid, she throws a question on him.

"Who are you? I have never seen such a thing. What did you do?"

"Who knows. I do not yet understand it myself. The only thing I can tell is what I did right now is a taboo"

The magic usable only be the church's goddess, the miracle magic only known by the seven sages, the secret art to revive the dead.

There are other spells used to revive the dead, but they are inferior to the spell used by Seiya.

This spell is also called "Event reversal [Life]", only a few of goddesses were able to use it.

The existence of this spell should not be known to anyone.

"So it's a taboo, I want to know more about it. Too bad you are going to die now"

Undine looked at the new Seiya and decided to finish this as fast as possible.

If possible, Undine wanted to be as far away from him as possible. Or maybe even run away.

But there was a reason why she could not escape.

Fairies and spirits cannot live without a mana source.

On the other hand, if there is a source of mana, fairies and spirits will not die no matter what wounds they receive. However, places that can supply mana to fairies and spirits are limited and cannot be found so easily.

And for Undine, her source of mana was the water of the lake and river in the Great Dalis Canyon.

If she moves from the Great Dalis Canyon, she won't survive and disappear unless she finds a new source of mana.

However, it is difficult to find a new source of mana. In other words, escaping out of here means death.

"Too bad, but that's impossible. Come, Death End"

What appeared wasn't a Hollins but a big heavy sword.

Its size exceeded one meter, its whole body was dyed purple as if it was a

sword of darkness.

Great sword Death End was inscribed with white characters, the language used was unknown.

When Undine saw a great sword descending, she felt the difference between them. Seiya was completely different person right now, he was incredibly cold.

Undine summoned three Gedo-chan in a hurry and ordered them to attack Seiya.

Glancing at the Gedo-chan closing in on him, he murmured in a small voice.

"Disappear"

In the next moment, three giant bodies vanished without a trace.

Some of them roared, but, without casting any spells, one word from Seiya erased even the "calming" roar of Gedo-chan.

"What did you do? What the hell did you do? Are you kidding me?! Sea god Neptune! "(TN: Why did I thought of a certain Rusaku?)

Startled Undine couldn't process what happened and proceeded with her next spell.

This spell summoned Undine's strongest guardian, any opponent would feel

weak in his knees upon seeing him.

But even with this, Undine wasn't confident of her victory.

The giant man made of water rushed out from the lake, Gedo-chan looked somewhat cute in comparison.

Undine's strongest guardian, sea god Neptune, arrived with a giant sword in his hands.

Sea god Neptune slashed at Seiya with his giant sword.

The sword of the sea god Neptune was moving with a *goon* sound, Seiya parried with Death End in his right hand and unleashed his magic.

"Death Dimension"

White letters engraved on a great sword shined purple and Seiya poured dark attribute mana inside.

Immediately after, sea god Neptune in front of Seiya quietly disappeared without making a sound.

It looked like sea god Neptune disappeared in a dimensional hole.

At this time Undine realized.

A man in front of her shouldn't be provoked. She made a foolish choice, she should have stayed away from him.

Seiya said to Undine, who was thinking about this.

"You only played with water since a while ago. Why don't you fight yourself a little?"

"Heh ... now you said it. I will let you witness my best and strongest technique"

Undine lifted her hands upwards and deployed a magic circle.

She gathered her resolve.

This spell required almost all water of this lake which is the source of her mana, and if she used this spell, she will be greatly weakened.

But if she didn't use this spell here, the young man will erase her.

Even if Undine can't be killed normally, this guy will annihilate her, completely disregarding common sense. Even if it's her destiny to disappear, she decided to stake everything on her last hope.

In Undine's hands, a large rotating water sphere was formed.

Because it uses most of lake's water, it is very big and its appearance resembles a small planet.

I was an amazing technique, Seiya laughed.

"Will you live through this technique? Just by existing it calms down the opponent and he loses his fighting spirit. Furthermore, it has quite the power behind it. Even if it's you, you won't be able to maintain your calm appearance, right? Behold! 『Comet Bomb』"

A giant water sphere, 『Comet Bomb』, dropped towards Seiya with a loud sound, Seiya poured mana in great sword Death End in his right hand again.

White letters written on the great sword shined purple again, but their color was brighter than before. His new spell was clearly much stronger than 『Death Dimension』.

Seiya casted his spell while striking the descending 『Comet Bomb』 with Death End.

"Death Wave"

One big wave was emitted from the tip of the great sword, that wave swiftly expanded and collided with 『Comet Bomb』.

Swallowed by the wave, 『Comet Bomb』 gradually disappeared .

"It can't be.....are you a monster....."

"Who knows"

Undine lost power in her legs and slumped on the ground, she was convinced of her defeat.

Maybe if it is him.....she thought. But she discarded this notion immediately.

By using the water of the lake, Undine severed her lifeline. All that was left to her is waiting for death. If she was going to die anyway, she wanted to be erased by that man.

Undine thought as such.

"Just hurry up and do it already"

"I see.....good bye then"

"Yeah....."

Seiya cuts Undine with the Death End in his right hand. Undine disappeared, leaving nothing behind.

Confirming Undine's disappearance, he lost consciousness.

His silver hair returns to usual gold color, and the color of his eyes was also restored.

It seemed like previous Seiya returned.

Only Seiya and Yua were left in this place, lying on the ground.

Chapter 25: Lily

Seiya woke up feeling incredibly heavy.

"Yua?"

He said that and opened his eyes, there he saw a young girl with blue hair.

Yua is younger than Seiya, but the girl in front of him is even younger than her.

She was around ten years old or so, and this cute little girl was currently sitting on Seiya in her birth clothes.

"Seiya!"

"Whoa....."

Blue-haired naked little girl happily hugged Seiya while calling his name.

Seiya answered reflexively, he had no idea who this little girl was.

When Seiya asked the name of a naked little girl, she answered with a sullen face.

"Ehh.....Who are you?"

"Did you forget? It's me, Lily!"

"As I said, who are you?"

Seiya couldn't recall such a name.

In the first place, I he ever met such a beautiful little girl, he would have remembered. She looked to cute to forget about her.

"Mu...Lily is Lily the Undine. I was fighting with you just a while ago! Did you forget already?"

"Oh....."

Seiya became speechless at her answer.

Indeed, if you look closely, you could find Undine's features. But why did she become so familiar with him all of the sudden.

Besides, Undine should have been erased by Seiya.

"I see you are definitely Undine. So, why are you still alive? And what do you want? We tried to kill each other just a few moments before"

"Mu~ I am not "you" or Undine! I'm Lily! Lily! "(TN: He used a rude version of you just now)

Apparently Lily wanted him to call her by her name. Seiya thought that at this rate the conversation won't proceed, so he agreed.

"Oh, I got it. So, Lily, what does this mean? What is your goal?"

"Mm, you see, Lily wants to make a contract with Seiya! I promised in the beginning, that if you can defeat me, we will sign a contract!"

"Contract? Perhaps you should cover yourself first....."

Seiya lowers his sight to the ground, looking troubled.

It is troublesome in a lot of meanings, depressingly thought Seiya. At this time, he received a big shock.

"Allow me to explain about that"

"!?"

Lily's voice suddenly changed and Seiya raised his face again.

Then there was not Lily, but the previously destroyed by Seiya, Undine.

"Why are you here?"

"It's not "you", Seiya-kun. Lily!"

"So you and the little girl are the same?"

"Kind of, the explanation is bothersome, so let's finish the contract first"

"Okay, but find some clothes first, please"

Said Seiya, while avoiding her with his eyes.

She was stark naked, just like Lily before her.

Lily was a little girl, but Undine in front of him is an adult, the places that should protrude are properly protruding, Seiya couldn't find a safe place to look.

"Oh, am I not to your liking?"

"Please wear something, or I won't listen to you"

"Sure sure"

Undine answered in a playful tone, and gestured with her finger. Then, the water gathered around her, and in a blink of an eye the clothes were formed.

Nodding, Seiya requested for an explanation about previously mentioned contract.

"Hey, I promised before the fight. If I lose, I will sign a contract"

"You don't really need to sign a contract. We just want to pass through the Great Dalis Canyon"

That is what Lily said before the fight. If she loses, she will sign a contract.

But it's not like Seiya particularly wants to do it. He would be content to just leave this place.

But it was more serious than Seiya thought.

"That's no good"

"What do you mean?"

"If I do not sign a contract with Seiya-kun, I, no, we will disappear.

So we want to sign a contract with Seiya for the sake of survival.

I know that we just tried to kill each other. But please. Save us, Seiya-kun"

"I don't really understand yet. Explain properly"

Seiya asked Lily, who lowered her head. He had only read books on fairies and spirits from the library, and didn't know anything about contracts.

"First of all, fairies and spirits need a source of mana to live in this world.

There are different sources of mana, but what they have in common is that we can't live without them.

For example, in my case the water in the lake was my source of power"

"I see, so how is that related to the contract?"

Seiya couldn't grasp the meaning of contract.

"That means that the magician can become a source of our mana. In return for mana, we will lend the magician our power.

There are two kinds of contracts. First is a complete contract with full mana supply, the second is a partial contract, where in return for prolonging our lives we lend a part of our power to magician.

"That's why, we would like to ask you for a complete contract"

Seiya understood that she was serious, but he couldn't agree without fully understanding the contract.

"So what's the catch?"

"The disadvantage is that the exchange of mana is necessary regularly. We will receive mana from Seiya-kun and Seiya-kun will receive mana from us. Manipulating enormous amount of mana is dangerous for most of the magicians, which makes complete contract impossible."

But since Seiya-kun has both『rising』of the light attribute and『annihilation』of the darkness attribute, Seiya-kun is the only person we know, who can sustain a complete contract.

"If you ask for other disadvantages, it is the fact that we will have to stay close to you most of the time"

Said Lily with passionate voice, but Seiya wasn't moved.

"I understood everything. But please excuse me from your company"

"Seiya-kun is so heartless. Also, it's Lily! "

Apparently the adult version of Lily wants to be called by her name too.

"If Seiya-kun wants something, big sister will listen to anything~"

Lily suddenly embraced Seiya and pressed her plentiful breasts against him, creating an erotic atmosphere.

Because Seiya is also a man, a certain part of his body responds without permission. Lily, who noticed that, whispered in his ears.

"If you make a contract with us, you can do what you want. Even lewd things"

"Uh...by the way, why do you want the contract so much? You can still replenish mana here right? "

Trying to distract himself, he switched the topic.

"Certainly, it will take time, but we can still regain our power here. But we are tired of it. We are tired of this lake, as well as this giant canyon. We want to see the outside world.

But we are fairies, we can't leave. Staying in the same place is incredibly boring. So please, take us to the outside world"

Listening to Lily's story, he saw a glimpse of himself somewhere.

He was the worst magician of the academy, he was without ability and family, however big was his desire to change, he didn't have the power to achieve it, without changing, he just continued to exist in the academy environment.

That was the same for Lily. They can't leave this lake. Even if they wish to, they have to stay here forever if they want to stay alive.

While Seiya was thinking, Lily continued.

"Besides, if you make a contract with me, you will be the biggest winner"

"What do you mean?"

"You still can't control that dark power, right?"

"How do you....."

She was talking about the power that defeated her.

At first Seiya just wanted to help Yua, but later he found a pleasure in destruction. Although he was conscious, he wasn't in control of his own body from the moment of defeating the sea god Neptune.

He felt like he was just an observer.

"That power was dangerous. If we are to explain, you have a second personality deep inside of your mind. Although Seiya-kun controls the body right now, you can never know when the situation will be reversed.

You are similar to us; you can't do anything about it. But if you make a contract with us, the number of personalities will change to two vs one, like that you can restrain the other personality"

Seiya found Lily's words reasonable, but still couldn't trust her just yet.

"But can I consider you an ally?"

"Well, if I cooperate with another personality, Seiya-kun will definitely lose control of his body. But I won't betray you, my life was almost extinguished by your hands, so I want to use it for your sake. It's true, believe me"

He felt from her eyes that her words were real. Probably she will never betray him. And if it is so, this contract if a great plus. (TN: Well, that was easy)

Without strength he can't protect Yua, but his power could destroy him someday.

If he would be able to wield this power as he wishes, it will be a great help to him.

"I understand, let's make a contract"

"Is it true? Thank you Seiya-kun, I'm sorry for what I did to the two of you"

"You did it to protect yourself, can't help it, right?"

"But still"

"Come to think of it, how do you make a contract?"

"Ask the other girl. Apparently I'm out of time"

"What?"

In the next moment Lily disappeared and little Lily appeared instead.

They seem to really share one body.

"Seiya!"

"Oh, so how do you make a contract?"

Seiya was embraced by beautiful little girl and made a troubled face. He wanted to make a contract as soon as possible.

Although he was currently safe, he was anxious that he could be deprived of his body in any moment, so he wanted to make a contract with haste.

"Un, you see～ Close your eyes and let your mana flow outside your body. Lily will do the rest!"

"All right"

As he was told, he closed his eyes and slowly released his mana outside the body. Wrapped in yellow and purple mana, Seiya thought.

(With this I will be able to protect Yua)

Seiya felt that his mana started moving without his will. Most likely, Lily is manipulating his mana.

(I won't lose her anymore.....mm?)

Seiya felt an unusual soft sensation on his lips. It was a very comfortable and somewhat sweet feeling.

But at this time.

"Seiya....."

Seiya hurriedly opened his eyes, and saw Yua, who looked incredibly sulky for some reason.

Chapter 26: A New Companion

"Seiya....."

With a very sad expression on her face, Yua was looking at Lily, who straddled Seiya like a horse.

The figure of Seiya kissing a little girl was somewhat troubling in a variety of meanings.

"Yua...."

Seiya separates his lips from Lily's and calls out to Yua, but she turns her face away without answering and runs towards a waterless lake.

"Yua!"

Seiya quickly lowered Lily on the ground and grabbed Yua's arm.

"Let me go....."

Yua quietly said. Since he couldn't see her face, he did not know what kind of facial expression she had, but she was definitely sad.

"Please wait, Yua"

"You betrayed me too"

"No one betrayed anyone"

"You betrayed you kissed another girl"

"I'm surprised myself"

Yua tried running away again but he firmly grabbed her hand, refusing to let go. Yua desperately tried to shake him off, but couldn't muster enough power.

Seiya couldn't understand what was going on inside her head.

Still, Seiya thought that he will regret if he didn't tell her his true feeling on this occasion, so he said.

"You are the only one for me"

This was Seiya's true feelings.

Yua needed him, who was ostracized and useless. It might have been egoistic of him, but he was happy to be of use to someone.

When he felt that she placed her full trust in him, he was incredibly delighted.

And when he lost Yua, Seiya understood that he already fell in love with her.

That's why he decided to reveal his feelings.

"I love you, Yua"

It was an embarrassing confession, yet he steeled himself and conveyed his feelings.

But Yua says without turning back.

"You didn't hate it....."

"This was...."

"As I thought....."

Yua turned back, her face was in tears.

It was the first time since they met when he saw Yua's emotional side, her red eyes were overflowing with tears. (TN: Kiss her!)

Yua also loved Seiya.

Although she only thought to use him at the beginning, she was gradually able to rely on him, as they braved the dangers together.

And that trust transformed into love, Yua completely fell for Seiya.

So when Yua saw him kissing Lily, her heart became a mess and she didn't know how to react.

"I believed in Seiya but got betrayed"

"Yua!"

Seiya hugged her tightly. She thought of pushing him away, but with time, her will to resist vanished.

Being embraced by the loved person felt extremely pleasant.

And then Seiya gently whispered into her ear.

"I love you, Yua"

"Really....?"

"Yes, it's true"

She couldn't feel a lie in his words.

Hearing Seiya's words, Yua touched his cheek with a right hand and slowly put her lips on Seiya's.

Their first kiss was very light, but the next ones were far more passionate.

And then Seiya's hand at her back started moving, the time seem to have stopped for the two of them.

"Sorry to interrupt, but can I have a moment of your time?"

The kissing duo was started at the sudden voice.

There was a certain fairy staring at them. Flustered, they quickly separated, ignoring the glistening line connecting their lips.

"You are...."

"Wait, Yua. It's fine"

Seeing Lily, she entered a battle mode, although sluggishly, and Seiya immediately tried to stop her.

"But...."(TN: I typed "Butt" first, good thing I noticed. Safe)

"Don't worry. Lily was only fighting to protect the source of her mana, and now that I contracted her, she is not an enemy anymore. Rather, she is our companion now"

"Is that true?"

Even with Seiya saying it, Yua was still wary against Lily.

It is not surprising, after all, Lily is the cause of Yua's death and she is also the lord of this Great Dalis Canyon. It was impossible for Yua to believe her so easily.

Seiya understood this and had no choice but to explain everything.

"Lily is our comrade now. Right, Lily?"

"Yeah, right now I'm a fairy contracted with Seiya-kun. Until the contract disappears, I live to serve him"

"But you"

"I understand. Even though I did it to protect myself, I almost killed you, Yua-chan. For that I apologize. Sorry"

Lily lowered her head towards Yua.

Unlike Undine boasting overwhelming strength, her figure was what of an ordinary woman. In Lily's words, Yua didn't feel any malice or impure desires at all. She understood that Lily wanted to serve Seiya from the bottom of her heart.

"I understand....."

"Yua"

"Thank you, Yua-chan"

"Seiya already decided, can't help it....."

Yua muttered with a blushing face.

From that appearance, Seiya and Lily understood that she was being shy. But then Yua remembered something.

"But humans should not be able to make a complete contract.....how did you do it? "

Magicians can't make full contracts with fairies and spirits.

It was a common sense for any magician.

The amount of mana exchanged between magicians and fairies during a complete contract is enormous, humans aren't able to withstand such amount.

While receiving mana from fairies and spirits, humans couldn't accept the enormous amount of mana and end up receiving a backlash. Conversely, when humans transfer their mana, enormous amount is taken, until they are sucked dry.

In this situation, no matter how advanced you are as a magician, it doesn't help.

In the past, some people were able to solve one of those problems, only to die from the other or cancel the contract.

Just like that, in Leiria, partial contracts are the mainstream when contracting a spirit.

However, there are very few magicians who have partial contracts with fairies and spirits, after all they aren't beings you can casually encounter.

In this world where it is difficult to meet a faerie or a spirit in the first place, only a few can sign a contract.

Even if they signed a contract, the power they gained doesn't equal the power they lost. So there is a very small number of magicians with contracts.

The news that Seiya made a complete contract can cause a commotion

outside.

"Seiya is amazing....."

"Oh, thanks"

"Can you stop flirting with my husband, please?"

"Ha?"

"What do you mean.....?"

With Lily's words, the atmosphere at the spot solidified in an instant.

Seiya's eyes were saying something among the lines of "What the hell is this woman spouting?", while Lily declared without hesitation.

"But we will always stick together from now on, right? Besides, I cannot live without your body anymore. I won't ever forget that hot and pleasant feeling. How are you going to take responsibility, Seiya-kun?"

"Hot and pleasant....."

"What nonsense are you talking about!?"

"But it's true"

What Lily meant was the feeling of Seiya's mana flowing through her body during the contract ceremony, it was true that she can't live without his body anymore.

However, omitting important words and skipping complicated explanation caused a strange impression to form in Yua's mind.

"Seiya is my husband.....we even kissed....."

"If it is about the kiss, then I did it too"

"That is different.....being forceful is prohibited... that's why I am a wife.....you are the mistress...."

"Ufufu, mistress sounds nice too"

Yua affirmed her own position and directed a bright smile at Lily.

"Then I'm a wife.....it's decided....."

"Then let me introduce myself again. I'm Lily, Seiya's mistress. Best regards, Yua-chan"

"Best regards, Lily....."

Since a while ago, Seiya wasn't able to keep up with the girls' conversation.

But since they made peace in the end, he decided to let it go. He definitely wasn't happy being surrounded by beautiful girls and making a harem. Definitely. (TN: Uh-huh)

And just like that, Lily, the water fairy, became a new addition to the group.

Their next goal was to safely reach Aquaristan. From the place they currently are, it is not that long of a road.

"Well then, we shall return to Leiria Kingdom"

"Yes...I can finally return home..."

"I'm looking forward to seeing this place. Thank you again Seiya-kun, Yua-

chan. For bringing us outside"

Lily deeply lowered her head to Seiya and Yua again.

"Don't worry"

"Yes.....Lily is already a friend, it is fine to let things go....."

"Both of you"

Lily shed tears at their words.

"Thank you Seiya-kun. I love you!"

"Muu....."

Lily thanks once more and clings to Seiya again.

Yua didn't want to lose to Lily and also hugged Seiya.

"Oi oi....."

In this way, trio started their journey to Leiria Kingdom's Aquaristan district.

Chapter 27: Aquaristan

As the morning sun shone, a big dragon could be seen flying above the dark territory.

The dragon gradually advanced through the beautiful cloudless sky, with its destination being Leiria Kingdom's Aquaristan.

And there were three people on the back of the dragon. They were Seiya, Yua and Lily.

Three of them were approaching Leiria Kingdom by riding on the Gedo-chan's back, that was a dragon strengthened to a limit by Lily

"Amazing"

"Great job, Lily....."

"Right!? He might have lost to Seiya-kun, but Gedo-chan is strong!"

The landscape spreading below Gedo-chan was not the Great Dalis Canyon anymore, the was only soil and occasional plants everywhere.

From that aspect you can see that Aquaristan is getting closer.

"We are getting close....."

"Really?"

"Un....."

"Then let's go! Gedo-chan, hurry up to my sister's hometown! "

Oooonn!!!!!!

Gedo-chan responded to Lily's words with great enthusiasm, and its flying speed rapidly increased.

By the way, Lily is calling Yua as her sister simply because she said to Lily to call her as such.

Lily hesitated at first, but now she got used to it, and every time Yua called her a sister, she looked happy.

Lying on Gedo-chan's back and gazing at the sky, Seiya thought about the time they left Great Dalis Canyon.

When they mulled over the way to leave Great Dalis Canyon, Lily proposed to ride on Gedo-chan.

Although it looked like there was a ceiling above the isolated island, in fact there was none, it was a kind of illusion produced by the lake's reflection.

In other words, they just flew away normally.

But it was that easy only because of Lily, it is hard to tell what they would have done without her.

While Seiya was thinking about it, Leiria Kingdom appeared in their field of vision.

"That is....."

"We arrived....."

"Finally!"

Three people rejoiced in unison. Seiya and Yua were finally going to return home after a long journey, and for Lily it was a new world. It was impossible not to make noise.

Three people wanted to go as far as Leiria Kingdom's borders, but that wouldn't be wise.

If a big dragon suddenly appeared in the sky, it will cause a big commotion in the whole kingdom, so they flew to the nearby forest and got down from Gedochan without being discovered.

And from there on the trio proceeded on foot.

After walking for about an hour, they finally saw the walls of Leiria Kingdom. They just needed to pass through the gate and enter the kingdom.

After walking for another hour, they reached the gate. There were two soldiers with spears stationed at the gate, who seemed to be gatekeepers.

As the trio walked towards the gate, the moment gatekeepers noticed them,

they took a stance with a spear and raised a loud voice.

"Stop! Who the hell are you?"

"Present the proof of your identity!"

The gatekeepers asked the trio who they were and from where they came from.

If you ask Seiya of his identity, then he is a magician of Senabia Magic Academy from Orna city in Windistan region, but he had nothing to prove his identity.

If someone is able to prove his identity, that would probably be the teachers of the academy.

"Well, I do not have anything to prove my identity at the moment, but I'm a student of a magic academy in this kingdom"

"Do you think that I will believe you? Rules are strict recently because of kidnapping incidents. In such circumstances you won't tell me that you don't have a proof of your identity, right? "

What was said by the gatekeeper was reasonable.

"Anyway, raise your hands first and don't resist. We also need to ask you why a group of kids came from a dark territory"

Young man Seiya, beautiful Yua, and pretty little girl Lily. However you look at them, they seemed like a bunch of kids to the gatekeeper

They couldn't believe that this youth troupe came from the dark territory. The gatekeeper glared at Seiya and said.

"First of all, body check"

"Raise your hands"

Seiya felt some inconsistency in the words of the gatekeeper. Because while they were talking to Seiya, their eyes were on Yua and Lily.

At that time, Seiya noticed their aim.

"Is it really necessary?"

"What!? Are you going to defy us?"

"Do you know what will happen if you go against us? Your treatment will change according to our report"

Seiya was convinced.

The gatekeepers were trying to touch Yua and Lily's body in the name of body checking.

The gatekeepers were also men. Seeing two pretty young girls, they couldn't help but want to touch.

However, Seiya will not forgive such behavior, so he decided to make a first move. But just before that happened, Yua stopped him.

"Yua?"

"Leave it to me....."

Yua stepped forward and stood before the gatekeepers.

The gatekeepers misunderstood that she was obediently undergoing body check and approached Yua trying to touch her body.

"I am Yua Arunia. The eldest daughter of Arunia family....."

"Eh, she said Arunia family....."

"Is it that Arunia family?"

"Yes...."

When Yua affirmed the question of the gatekeepers, they stiffened for about five seconds and suddenly changed their attitudes.

"This was rude of us. I will let you in right away"

"Please wait a moment, the carriage will be prepared shortly. Forgive me for being disrespectful"

The moment she said her name, the attitude of the gatekeepers has changed by 180 degrees, Seiya and Lily looked at each other with puzzlement and simultaneously tilted their heads.

The dominating gatekeepers became Yua's servants in a matter of a few seconds.

"Hey Lily, what just happened?"

"Dunno! Do you know, Seiya?"

"No, I have no idea"

To two sneakily conversing people, one of the gatekeepers points his spear and asks.

"And who are you guys?"

"Those two are with me...no problem..."

"I'm sorry. Both of you may go inside"

Hearing Yua, the attitude of the gatekeepers changed by 180 degrees yet again. (TN: Wow. Their attitude just keeps rotating)

Who was she? Seiya and Lily really wanted to know, but right now was not the right time to ask.

After that, they waited on a bench for about 30 minutes, and a horse-drawn carriage appeared.

The carriage seemed as luxurious as it could be, definitely a carriage for the VIP passengers.

And again, who the hell is she? Thought Seiya and Lily, they still couldn't figure that out.

By the way, while waiting for a carriage, the gatekeepers, who saw Yua and Lily peacefully embracing Seiya's arms, sitting next to him, were burning with jealousy. (TN: Riajuu should explode?)

Seiya was obviously aware of that, but he pretended to not care.

When they boarded the carriage, they found plenty of space for four people.

Seiya sat in the back of the carriage, Yua was next to him and Lily was in front, then the carriage started to move.

At that time, no one knew that the gatekeepers were trembling from anger, with deeply lowered heads.

A problem appeared after they were riding for a little while.

Since Yua was sitting beside Seiya, she immediately seized his hand. And Lily who saw this, swiftly occupied Seiya's lap.

"Hey, Lily?"

"Sister is sitting next to Seiya! That's why Lily will sit on Seiya!"

"It's dangerous so sit in the front. Also, Yua, can you relax your grip? It hurts since a while ago"

"This is expression of love....."

"Then Lily is expressing her love too!"

By herself, Lily was not heavy, so he didn't really mind, but the pressure on

the right gradually increased, Seiya was almost on the verge of crying.

He even felt the light attribute mana from her hand.

"Hey, Yua-san!?"

"It is fine....."

"No, it's not...."

"It is fine....."

While he tried to pass through this ordeal, the carriage finally arrived after a very long time.

Seiya didn't remember how much it took, but from the position of the sun he could tell that it was around noon.

And as the Seiya got out of the carriage, he saw a big castle in front of him.

Chapter 28: Yua's House

"Am I seeing things....."

"It's big! Amazing! "

Seiya and Lily raised a stupid voice.

Before the two people stood a real castle.

Seiya was surprised by the sheer size of the castle and Lily's eyes shined since it was her first time seeing something like this.

From the looks of it, the castle occupied about 10 soccer fields of space. (TN: So this world also has soccer, huh)

And Yua entered this giant castle without any hesitation.

Following Yua, Seiya and Lily entered the interior of the castle.

There was a flower garden inside. Colorful flowers were blooming everywhere.

Meanwhile, those who took care of the flower garden noticed people passing through the gate, and all came running towards Yua.

"Lady!"

"Lady!"

"Lady! Welcome back"

"It is good that you came back!"

People who seemed like servants hurriedly gathered around Yua. From their expression you can tell that Yua was greatly loved among them.

And then, a young servant appears before Yua and says.

"It's good to have you back miss. The master was worried about you. He really wishes to see you"

"All right....."

She was going to proceed but one of the servants asks her about Seiya and Lily.

"By the way, my lady, what about your companions?"

"They are friends...."

"Understood, then I will lead them inside"

"Yes....."

Then, Yua was escorted by other servants to her father's place, and Seiya and Lily were led to the guest room by a young servant girl with beautiful green hair.

Upon arriving to the guest room, they were told to wait, and green-haired servant left.

While sitting on the sofa, Seiya and Lily started picking sweets from the table in front of them.

"Amazing!"

Apparently it was the first time she tasted sweets. After that, the rest were devoured by her in a moment.

In the end, Seiya managed to eat only one piece.

After a while, the green-haired servant came back to the guest room again.

In her hands there was a tray with a cup of tea emitting a delicious smell and a cup of orange juice.

The servant placed drinks in front of them and introduced herself.

"Sorry for the wait. My name is Melena. If you have any requests, please do not hesitate to call me"

"I want this!"

That being said, Lily lifted the bowl that should have contained candies inside.

Eyeing Lily's behavior, Seiya smiles bitterly and drinks tea placed in front of him.

The tea was moderately sweet and warm, and its taste caused Seiya to almost tear up with joy.

"This tea is really delicious"

"Thank you very much. Also, you don't need to use polite speech with me"

To Melena who walked to the shelf to get more sweets, Seiya voiced his impressions on the tea, but Melena was somewhat distant.

Seiya looked at Melena again. She had a green hair and a beautiful but simple face. She felt slightly older than Seiya.

And the most noticeable thing was the black collar around her neck.

The collar probably meant that she was sold. But prying too much was a taboo, so Seiya picked the other topic to start a conversation.

"All right. But in this case, you should stop using it too. I'm not used to polite speech coming from those older than me"

"I can't just...I understand. No, I get it"(TN: A little confusing, but she changed her speech pattern, I promise)

"Thank you. So when will we be released? "

The atmosphere changed around Seiya for a moment, and Melena also responded accordingly.

In that moment, Seiya understood that Melena was a magician with considerable ability.

"Now the lady is talking to the master, I would like you to remain here until they finished"

"All right"

After they waited for some time, the door of the guest room opened and Yua came inside.

Behind her was a muscular giant with dark green hair and a gentle woman with red eyes and beautiful silver hair.

Apparently they were Yua's parents.

Seiya looked at Yua's mother for a moment and immediately turned his gaze towards her father.

Yua's father also looked at Lily for a moment, and then turned towards Seiya.

Then Yua's father stepped closer to Seiya and Lily and introduced himself.

"I am Yua's father, Raiga Arunia. I'm grateful to you for saving my daughter. Kiritsuna Seiya, Lily"

"!?"

Following her father Raiga, Yua's mother introduced herself as Kana...but it did not enter Seiya's head.

Because her father was a celebrity that everyone knew about, even Seiya.

The shock of that name was to big for Seiya.

Raiga Arunia, he was one of the special magician squad, which only numbered twelve.

Chapter 29: Thunder God

Limited express magician -- It refers to one of the twelve magicians, whose ability is equal to or greater than that of the 13 apostles of the Holy Church.

Twelve special magicians are valuable fighting power of the Leiria Kingdom and they also exist to stop the Holy Church if it ever goes into rampage.

And currently in front of Seiya stood one of the twelve, Raiga Arunia, also known as Raiga the Thunder God.

Affiliated with Aquaristan special forces in the past, he made a name for himself. He was famous across the Leiria Kingdom, including to Seiya.

Seiya was surprised twice. First, he didn't expect Yua to be to be a daughter of a special class magician.

Second, the daughter of a special class magician was kidnapped by non-magicians, people wouldn't believe that if they heard of it.

When Kana finished introducing herself, Raiga said to still shocked Seiya.

"I want to talk with this boy, sorry, but everyone except Melena should exit the room"

"As you wish, dear"

"I understand.....Lily, let's go....."

"Un!"

That said, everyone except the three people left the room.

Raiga who confirmed that the rest left the room opened his mouth while watching Seiya.

"Are you Kirtsuna Seiya?"

"Yes, I am"

As long as Raiga is still a special class magician, Seiya's position will be lower than his.

Since he started living in Windistan, Seiya always used polite speech. Raiga was watching Seiya with a look that seemed to be saying "He's different from what I've heard"

"Stop with this polite attitude, I want to see your true nature"

"All right. Although I think that assuming such attitude in front of a special class magician is normal"

Seiya managed to somehow switch to his usual tone, but the pressure Raiga was giving off was too strong, so he was still a little apprehensive.

"That's fine too. First of all I appreciate you for saving my daughter"

"I was just going with the flow and it somehow happened"

Then Raiga starts speaking with a nostalgic look.

"But still, she was betrayed by an attendant that was like an older sister to her in the past, and was captured as the hostage. She was unable to trust people ever since. However, it seems that she trusts you now, as her parent I'm glad. That's why I wanted to thank you."

"So that's what happened"

One of Seiya's questions was now solved.

In the Great Dalis Canyon Yua said "Seiya betrayed me too", the "too" part was bugging him ever since. At the same time, he understood why she wanted to go through the Great Dalis Canyon.

"By the way, the blue-haired girl next to you, is she a kind of fairy?"

"Yes, she is Undine"

Even if people knew that she is Undine, it won't be that surprising.

Raiga was a special magician, so he has probably seen a lot more in this life than Seiya. If he ever fought with spirits and fairies, he could notice them with a glance.

"Have you made a complete contract?"

"Kind of. I'm impressed you managed to tell with a glance"

"I'm a special magician after all. You have seen Kana right? Do you think that she is the goddess from the church?"

"Yeah"

True, he paid a little attention to Kana.

He thought that if she if Yua's mother, she might be a goddess from the Holy Church.

Seiya didn't know the appearance of the goddess, so he couldn't tell for sure. He looked at her for just a moment, but Raiga noticed it.

"Unfortunately Kana is not a goddess. Although, I met the goddess in the past. It is true"

"I see. But you are really connected with the church. No wonder you know about existence of dark magic"

It turned out that her father was a special magician, it wasn't surprising for Yua to know about it too.

And Seiya was also convinced that her mother is not a goddess.

"I'm not connected with the church right now, so relax. And you should never go to the church too"

"I'm relieved to hear that"

Special magician is a precious fighting force of Leiria kingdom, but they aren't controlled by the church.

That's why Raiga had no obligation to report Seiya to the church. Hearing that, Seiya was relieved from the bottom of his heart. But that didn't last long.

"By the way, how far did you go with Yua?" (TN: They just touched each other a little, with their lips)

"Pfffft"

Seiya spat his tea out, hearing Raiga's question.

"What do you mean?"

"I meant to ask how far your relationship has progressed?"

With Raiga's sudden question, the scene of their passionate kiss appeared in his mind involuntarily.

"Well, until the kiss I guess"(TN: RIP)

"I seeThat's why she felt more feminine when she came back"

Raiga's aura transformed right this instant.

His aura spread with a bang and applied a great pressure on Seiya. From the intensity of this aura he understood just how powerful this man was.

"Breathing in"

"Ha!"

To oppose Raiga, Seiya entered a battle mode and manipulated his mana to shake the pressure off.

Raiga looked at Seiya with a teasing smile. And in the next moment he suddenly fired a spell in his direction.

"『Lightning Rod』"

The green magic circle appeared in the air facing Seiya.

Chapter 30: Thunder God's Aim

"『Lightning Rod』"

"!?"

The green magic circle appeared, meaning that the spell was that of the lightning attribute.

"『Dark Wave』"

Seiya casts the『Dark Wave』towards the magic circle and destroys it before spell was completed.

Seeing this, Raiga said.

"『Dark Wave』, huh?"

"What are you doing?"

Raiga grinned widely, facing Seiya's killing intent.

"Sorry, just wanted to test my daughter's partner"

"And what about the previous spell?"

"Don't worry, you will just get numbed for a while"

As Raiga said, this spell had no killing power behind it, it could only slightly

shock the target.

Still, this only applies to an average magician, but if Raiga casts it, it's a different story.

If Seiya allowed this spell to hit him, it would've done much more than just stinging him. In the worst case, his life could have been in danger.

Raiga's spell was just that powerful.

That's why Seiya released his killing intent and asked him.

"Isn't it a little overboard for a test?"

"Sorry, you are alive anyway"

"I see"

Seiya thought that he was spouting bullshit. And Raiga asked such Seiya.

"By the way, what are you going to do from now on?"

"What do you mean?"

"I mean, after you leave this place"

"Ah, about that, I will probably return to Windistan"

Seiya thought about his future plans, and answered after a slight delay.

Seiya was a person from Windistan in the first place, so he planned to return

there.

Although it might be impossible to return to the magic academy, he can still return to Windistan

Having obtained the heretical power, Seiya probably couldn't live as a magician in Leiria Kingdom anymore.

From now on he had no choice but to live as a non-magician, while concealing his power.

He didn't know how his life would be from now on, but he had an option to apprentice himself to John and his bakery.

Seiya was thinking as such. However, Raiga made a proposition to dispel his anxiety.

"Just live here"

"Huh?"

"We have a free room and Yua will be happier this way. Besides, I was planning to add a bodyguard to her escort, but she was against it. And then this happened. As expected, I can't let her be without protection. If it's you, then it will work out"

"How convenient for you, isn't it"

His mouth was complaining, but he was glad on the inside. (TN: Tsundere?)

"It will be beneficial for you too. Are you afraid that people will know about

your dark attribute? But I won't let the church do what they want in this place. Besides, it's fine for Undine to stay here too"

Certainly, what Raiga said was right. As long as Raiga is a special magician, if Seiya lives in this house, the church won't be able to lay their hands on him.

"But I have an academy to attend" (TN: I thought you wasn't going to.....)

If Yua's bodyguard wasn't able to even graduate, she would be laughed upon.

Seiya didn't wish for that to happen.

Usually, you can't change the academy midway, so he had to graduate from Senabia Magic Academy.

"Don't worry about that. I will let you and Undine attend the same school as Yua. We just need to forge some documents, not a big deal"

"That would be nice, but"

"There are no merits for me?"

"Sort of"

It was certainly a good deal for them. However, for Raiga, this was but a small matter.

On the contrary, he will obtain two more sources of trouble.

"There is a merit. That is, Yua will be able to enjoy her school life. She doesn't

say anything, but most likely she doesn't have any friends with her personality. So I thought it's good to have you there"

"I see"

Raiga's answer was reasonable. But there was another big reason for Raiga.

"It's also to repay you. She might have failed to return on her own, for that I thank you"

"I see"

Seiya thought for a while and came to a decision.

"Then we will accept your proposal"

"I see. Thank you, Seiya"

When they finished talking, they reunited with everyone.

Three girls, that were previously merrily chatting with each other, called out to Raiga and Seiya.

"Ara, welcome back, dear"

"Seiya, welcome back....."

"Seiya, welcome back!"

To the three girls, Raiga explained their previous agreement.

"I have an important thing to say to you, Yua"

"What?"

"This guy and Undine will attend your school as your escorts from now on"

For a moment, she couldn't comprehend what was just said, but looking at Seiya's face, she gradually understood.

"Is it true, Seiya?"

"It seems so"

"Seiya.....thank you.... "

Saying that, Yua hugged Seiya. Lily who saw it said "Lily too!" and hugged him too.

Seeing her behavior, Raiga further asked.

"If you wish, I can allow Seiya to be your fiancé"

"Ara, my dear"

"Huh?"

Seiya's facial expression was saying something among the lines of "What the hell is this uncle spouting?", but Yua immediately answered.

"Then he is my fiancé....."

"Hey, Yua?"

"You don't want to.....?"

"Of course I'm not"

"Thank you....."

Facing anxious Yua, he couldn't possibly say no. He wasn't against it in the first place, but his heart wasn't prepared for an engagement yet.

While he was thinking that, Lily dropped a sudden bomb.

"Then Lily is a mistress!"

"Oi, Lily!?"

"Best regards, Lily....."

"Un! Best regards, sister! "

Placed between the two of them, Seiya made a resigned expression.

Living with two beautiful girls in the house of a special magician, Seiya couldn't have imagined such development. He thought that his happy life was finally starting.

Seiya thanked the voice that returned his heretical power from the bottom of his heart.

That was how a new life started for Seiya and his heretical power, Yua and her holy attribute, and water fairy Lily.